



## **CPR 2024 Policy Priorities**

### **1. Medicare Post-Acute Care Reforms**

- a. Ensure that any MedPAC payment reform recommendations address the needs of all patients.
- b. Highlight restrictions in access to rehabilitation therapy services in all settings of care.
- c. Call for timely release of data on rehabilitation access and utilization.
- d. Monitor implementation of the Review Choice Demonstration for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities in Alabama, Pennsylvania, Texas, and California.
- e. Engage with Congress to build support for H.R. 6110, the *Access to Inpatient Rehabilitation Therapy Act* (IRF Three-Hour Rule)
- f. Monitor developments with post-acute care Value-Based Purchasing efforts to ensure patient access is protected.
- g. Patient engagement and education of settings of post-acute care discharge planning requirements.

### **2. Access to Rehabilitation in Medicare Advantage, Medicaid, other Federal Programs, and Private Insurance**

- a. Advocate for equitable access to benefits in Medicare Advantage and traditional Medicare.
- b. Continue working with Congress and the Administration to ensure Prior Authorization, and other utilization management techniques, are utilized properly.
- c. Ensure Network Adequacy requirements are met.
- d. Ensure robust access to medically appropriate rehabilitation for complex conditions, including for stroke, amputations, and other complex conditions.
- e. Advocate for expanded research to better collect data to compare rehabilitation outcomes across populations, sites, and payers.
- f. Continue to advocate for an exceptions process for rehabilitation therapy that exceeds therapy caps imposed by ACA plans.
- g. Encourage patients and providers to utilize both the grievance and complaint processes in addition to the appeals process.

### **3. Long-Term Impact of COVID-19**

- a. Continue building awareness among policymakers of need for post-COVID rehabilitation.
- b. Maintain and increase access to rehabilitation for Long COVID patients.

### **4. Expansion of Telehealth and Telerehabilitation**

- a. Preserve expansion of telehealth and telerehabilitation post-December 31, 2024, to increase access to care for people with impairments.
- b. Ensure patients have access to in-person services when such services are medically necessary or preferred by the patient.
- c. Ensure health equity through individualized, evidence-based assessments and other safeguards that prioritize in-person care and treat telehealth and telerehabilitation as a supplemental option.
- d. Ensure appropriate reimbursement for telehealth services to maintain access.

## **5. Integrity of Essential Health Benefits (EHB) Package**

- a. Strengthen EHB and insurance protections through ACA legislation.
- b. Monitor and respond to HHS on future regulation of rehabilitative services and devices.
- c. Respond to ACA Plan regulations.
- d. Monitor and respond to Short-Term, Limited-Duration Insurance Final Rule.

## **6. Affordable Care Act and Non-Discrimination Issues**

- a. Monitor and respond as appropriate to Final Rules on Updating Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
- b. Monitor and respond as appropriate to Section 1557 Final Rule

## **7. Responses to Future Regulations**

- a. Respond as appropriate to IRF PPS, SNF PPS, Home Health PPS, and Physician Fee Schedule proposed rules.