Each year the American Diabetes Association establishes its legislative and regulatory advocacy priorities. The four main priority areas will be addressed including increasing federal and state funding for diabetes prevention, treatment and research; improving the availability of accessible, adequate and affordable health care; and eliminating discrimination against people with diabetes.
American Diabetes Association 2017 Advocacy Priorities

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OUR MISSION

to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

4 GENERAL ADVOCACY GOALS

1. Increase federal and state funding for diabetes prevention, treatment and research
2. Prevent diabetes
3. Improve the availability of accessible, adequate and affordable health care
4. Eliminate discrimination against people with diabetes

In all areas, there is an ongoing commitment to ending health disparities.

2016 HIGHLIGHTS – FEDERAL

Enacting Public Policies:

• Secured Medicare coverage of the National Diabetes Prevention Program for seniors at risk for diabetes
• Achieved significant bipartisan support for the Special Diabetes Program

2016 HIGHLIGHTS – STATE

• 15 victories on health insurance issues
• 12 victories on prevention issues
• 4 Diabetes Action Plan victories

• Passed Safe at School (SAS) legislation in Idaho, Maryland, and Pennsylvania.
• Supported successful legislation in Hawaii, Louisiana, Ohio, and Virginia to improve existing SAS laws
• Fought off attempts to weaken existing laws or regulation in Illinois and Utah.
2016 HIGHLIGHTS – LEGAL ADVOCACY

• Increased number of volunteers in the fight against discrimination
• More than doubled the number of people receiving help from an Association Legal Advocate
• Filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Army Child, Youth & School Services for its policy prohibiting the administration of insulin and glucagon

2016 HIGHLIGHTS – FEDERAL

Strengthening Our Voice:

• Capitol Hill Advocacy Day (CHAD)
• 110 in-district meetings with members of Congress

2016 HIGHLIGHTS – BUILDING CAPACITY

• 192,807 Americans joined as advocates, growing our numbers by 65%
  • Over 150,000 signed the insulin affordability petition in the first weeks of the campaign

The Road Ahead: Our 2017 Legislative & Regulatory Federal and State Priorities

Federal Priorities
FEDERAL FUNDING FOR DIABETES RESEARCH AND PROGRAMS

Increase funding, and promote policies to further diabetes research and programs, at:

- The National Institutes of Health’s National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Division of Diabetes Translation
- Funding for the National Diabetes Prevention Program to support community-based programs to prevent type 2 diabetes

FEDERAL FUNDING FOR DIABETES RESEARCH AND PROGRAMS

Funding for the Special Diabetes Programs for:

- Programs in American Indian/Alaska Native communities
- Type 1 research

FEDERAL FUNDING FOR DIABETES RESEARCH AND PROGRAMS

Seek innovative ways to increase overall federal funding dedicated to diabetes research and programs.

Federal Priority: HEALTH INSURANCE AND AFFORDABILITY

Ensure public and private health insurance options, including those under:

- The Affordable Care Act
- Medicare
- Children’s Health Insurance Program
- Medicaid

Provide affordable access to the physical and mental health services, medications, devices, technology, and education necessary to meet the needs of people with diabetes and prediabetes.

Federal Priority: HEALTH INSURANCE

Advocate for improved delivery of care through system reforms that lead to:

- high quality
- affordable
- effective
- efficient
- collaborative care for people with diabetes.

Federal Priority: PREVENTION

- Prevention of type 2 diabetes
  — for individuals with prediabetes and in the general population,
  — including efforts to reduce obesity and improve nutrition and physical activity.
- Promote regulatory pathway for discoveries that could prevent type 1 diabetes.
Federal Priority: DISCRIMINATION

Ensure fair treatment of people with diabetes, focusing on employment.

Federal Priority: HEALTH DISPARITIES

Specific initiatives to reduce the disparate impact of diabetes in minority communities.

State Priorities

State Priority: HEALTH INSURANCE AND AFFORDABILITY

- Ensure public and private health insurance options, including those under the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid
- Provide affordable access to the physical and mental health services, medications, devices, technology, and education necessary to meet the needs of people with diabetes and prediabetes.

State Priority: DISCRIMINATION: SAFE AT SCHOOL

Ensure students with diabetes are medically safe and have access to the same educational opportunities as peers without diabetes.

Legislation and regulation focus on:
- Permitting students who are able to do so to self-manage their disease.
- Making sure trained school personnel are available to perform routine and emergency diabetes care tasks.
**State Priority: DISCRIMINATION**

**Law Enforcement:**
- Support efforts to train law enforcement officers about diabetes.

**Driver’s Licenses:**
- Ensure laws and policies for private and commercial licenses result in fair treatment of people with diabetes.

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**State Priority: DISPARITIES**

Specific initiatives to reduce the disparate impact of diabetes in minority communities.

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**Legal Advocacy**

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**2017 LEGAL ADVOCACY PRIORITIES: FIGHTING FOR FAIRNESS - SAFE AT SCHOOL**

Enable young people with diabetes to be safe and have the same opportunities as their peers at:
- school and school-related activities, in primary, secondary, postsecondary education
- day care
- summer camp, other recreational programs

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**2017 LEGAL ADVOCACY PRIORITIES: FIGHTING FOR FAIRNESS - EMPLOYMENT**

Enable workers with diabetes to:
- Successfully manage their diabetes
- Be free from discrimination
- Advocate for adoption of rules and policies that reflect appropriate use of diabetes science and medicine in employment decisions.

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**2017 LEGAL ADVOCACY PRIORITIES: FIGHTING FOR FAIRNESS - PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS, GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

Enable people with diabetes to safely manage their diabetes, and have equal access to:
- places of public accommodation,
- government programs and services, including licensing and airport security
- Ensure appropriate law enforcement response and medical care in custody and detention
GETTING HELP - FOR INDIVIDUALS & INSTITUTIONS

1. VISIT:  www.diabetes.org/discrimination
   - Free resources for people with diabetes, families, employers,
     schools, law enforcement, or public institutions

2. CALL:   1-800-DIABETES (342-2383)
   ADA National Center for Information
   - Representative will send a specialized packet of information,
     including a form to request help from a legal advocate
   - If challenges persist, the discrimination information/
     assistance form can be mailed, e-mailed, or faxed
   - Individuals who feel they are currently experiencing
discrimination or who have questions about their legal rights
   are routed to one of our Legal Advocates, who provide
   information and resources

WE NEED MORE VOICES – YOURS!
– ADVOCACY ACTION CENTER

Join with other diabetes advocates -
Get advocacy updates and alerts at:
• www.diabetes.org/TakeAction

Timely info on federal & state legislation:
• Email alerts to make your voice heard on
time-sensitive issues
• Suggested messages for elected officials

THE END

Questions

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