ADVOCATING FOR PATIENTS WITH DIABETES

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Overview

1) Highlight 2017 Advocacy Accomplishments
2) Outline 2018 Advocacy Agenda
3) Describe role of health care providers in advocacy

WHY ADVOCATE FOR PATIENTS WITH DIABETES?

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

MISSION IN ACTION
The ADA is focused on three strategic imperatives

Drive discovery
Through research, partnerships and innovation on a global scale, drive discoveries to prevent, manage and ultimately cure diabetes.

Raise voice
Intensify the urgency around the diabetes epidemic, and mobilize bold action through advocacy and engagement.

Support people
Provide new, effective resources for individuals living with and at risk of developing diabetes and for the health care professionals serving them.
2017 Diabetes Advocacy Highlights

2017: HEALTH COVERAGE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Joined with other patient and provider organizations to defeat several attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act
- 30 state level wins: protected existing levels of health insurance benefits and improved consumer protections and benefit coverage
- Helped improve Medicare’s coverage policy for the National Diabetes Prevention Program

2017: HEALTH DISPARITIES ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Supported public policies to reduce health disparities:
- Policies aimed at reducing food insecurity
- Increasing access to recreational space in high risk communities
- Increasing state support for programs and infrastructure like offices of health equity or minority health
- Protecting and improving access to culturally appropriate health insurance

2017: PREVENTION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Supported public policies to prevent diabetes:
- School based policies for physical fitness and nutrition
- State coordination on diabetes to shine a light on the burden of diabetes and prioritize recommendations for a better future
- Funding for diabetes prevention programs
- Policies aimed at reducing consumption of sugary beverages

2017: INSULIN AFFORDABILITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Insulin Access and Affordability Working Group
Met with stakeholders across the insulin supply chain. GOAL: making policy recommendations in 2018 for viable long-term solutions that will bring down the cost of insulin for individuals with diabetes.
- Held more than 200 congressional meetings
- Met with HHS Secretary and FDA Commissioner
- Collected nearly 300,000 petition signatures to date
- Gathered more than 600 patient, caregiver, and provider stories to aid in advocacy

2017: CALL TO CONGRESS

251 advocates, including:
- Diabetes Advocates from across the country
- High-profile researchers
- Team Tackle members
- Association staff

American Diabetes Association
www.diabetes.org/advocate - 800-DIABETES
2018 Diabetes Advocacy Priorities

5 General Advocacy Goals
- Increase federal and state funding for diabetes prevention, treatment and research
- Prevent diabetes
- Improve access to adequate and affordable health care
- Eliminate discrimination against people with diabetes
- Reduce diabetes disparities

FROM GENERAL GOALS TO OUR LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY PRIORITIES

Determined annually
Input from volunteers, staff & diabetes advocates around the country
National Advocacy Committee recommends priority agenda
Approved by Board of Directors

State and Federal Legislative and Regulatory Priorities

Diabetes Research and Programs

Priorities:
- Increase overall funding dedicated to diabetes research, programs, and clinical translation of research.
- Protect research opportunities.
Diabetes Research and Programs

Increase funding, including, not limited to:
• The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases at the National Institutes of Health.
• The Division of Diabetes Translation at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
• The Special Diabetes Program for type 1 research and programs in American Indian/Alaska Native communities.
• The National Diabetes Prevention Program to support community-based programs to prevent type 2 diabetes.
• Diabetes research and prevention programs in states.
• Innovative funding for diabetes research and programs.

Access to Adequate and Affordable Health Care

Ensure public and private health insurance coverage options provide adequate and affordable access to the medications, tools, education, and health care necessary to meet the Association’s Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes, including, but not limited to, those under:
• The Affordable Care Act
• Medicare, Medicaid
• State-mandated benefits

Mission in Action
Access to Adequate and Affordable Health Care

Oppose weakening of existing protections for people with diabetes and prediabetes in federal and state law.

Make insulin affordable for all who need it and increase transparency throughout the insulin supply chain.

Mission in Action
Reduce Personal/Family Burden:
• Average health care costs 2.3 times higher

Reduce National Burden:
• Nearly 1 Billion a day!

Mission in Action
PREVENTION

30.3 Million with Diabetes
86.1 Million with Prediabetes

Assess the burden of diabetes and prediabetes to develop, implement, and promote diabetes prevention policies and programs.

Reduce obesity, improve nutrition, and increase physical activity in communities.
**MISSION IN ACTION**

**DISCRIMINATION: Barrier to health, full life**

**Ensure:**
- Students with diabetes are medically safe and have access to the same educational opportunities as peers without diabetes.
- Laws and policies for private and commercial driver’s licenses result in fair treatment of people with diabetes.
- Fair treatment of employees with diabetes.
- Fair treatment of people with diabetes accessing places of public accommodation and public services.

**MISSION IN ACTION**

**DISCRIMINATION**

**HEALTH DISPARITIES**

Rates of diagnosed diabetes in adults:
- 7.4% of non-Hispanic whites
- 8.0% of Asian Americans
- 12.1% of Hispanics
- 12.7% of non-Hispanic blacks
- 15.1% of American Indians/Alaskan Natives

**MISSION IN ACTION**

**ADVANCING TREATMENTS AND TECHNOLOGY**

**LEADING WITH SCIENCE:**
- All of our public policy work is guided by science and aligns with Standards of Care

**MISSION IN ACTION**

**HEALTH DISPARITIES**

- Promote health equity among at risk populations affected by diabetes and prediabetes.
MISSION IN ACTION
ADVANCING TREATMENTS AND TECHNOLOGY

- Provide scientific expertise
to regulators on issues related to
diabetes and the need for improved
means to treat, monitor, and prevent
diabetes.

LEGAL ADVOCACY

2017: LEGAL ADVOCACY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Legal Advocacy provided direct assistance to 1,876 individuals:
- Most prominent - denial of or poor diabetes care by schools, child care
  programs, or correctional facilities (nearly 400 cases)
- Also common - difficulties getting reasonable accommodations in the
  workplace, or termination from job because of diabetes

We educated thousands of people with diabetes, families, advocates, health
care teams, and others about the legal rights of people with diabetes.

2017: LEGAL ADVOCACY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Continued to pursue litigation against the U.S. Army Child,
  Youth & School Services to ensure children with diabetes
  have access to the full range of child care programs offered
  by the Army

2018 LEGAL ADVOCACY PRIORITIES:
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
    preschool, primary, secondary,
    postsecondary education
  - day care
  - summer camp, other educational and
    recreational programs
MISSION IN ACTION
2018 LEGAL ADVOCACY PRIORITIES: 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.

MISSION IN ACTION
2018 PRIORITIES: PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS, GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

• Enable people with diabetes to safely manage their diabetes in, 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

MISSION IN ACTION
2018 PRIORITIES: PROMOTE LEGAL ADVOCACY SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

• Increase recruitment, engagement, and diversity of trained school advocates, attorney and health care professional volunteers
• Utilize Legal Advocacy victories for new revenue opportunities
• Integrate Legal Advocacy across Association activities to increase loyalty and engagement

Role of Health Care Providers

MISSION IN ACTION
BECOME AN ADVOCATE

Tell your story:
Dr. Francisco Prieto, National Advocacy Committee

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