

# REJECT HEALTH POLICIES THAT DISCRIMINATE

**Every life is valuable.** We strongly urge policymakers to reject policies that discriminate against people with disabilities and chronic conditions, older adults, and reinforce health inequities.



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Allergy & Asthma Network  
Alliance for Aging Research  
Alstrom Syndrome International  
American Association of Kidney Patients  
American Association of People with Disabilities  
American Association on Health and Disability  
American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association  
American Geriatrics Society  
Amyloidosis Support Groups, Inc.  
Association of University Centers on Disabilities  
Autism Society of America  
Autistic Self Advocacy Network  
Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network (AWN)  
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Bridge the Gap - SYNGAP Education and Research Foundation  
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Chronic Disease Coalition  
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Cure SMA  
Cutaneous Lymphoma Foundation  
Cystic Fibrosis Research Institute  
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Diabetes Leadership Council  
Diabetes Patient Advocacy Coalition  
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Family Voices  
Genetic Alliance  
Global Liver Institute  
Health Hats  
HealthHIV  
Heart Valve Voice US  
HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute  
ICAN, International Cancer Advocacy Network  
Institute for Patient Access  
International Foundation for Autoimmune and Autoinflammatory Arthritis

As organizations representing patients and people with disabilities, we call on policymakers to work to ensure the most vulnerable populations among us, including people with disabilities, will not be denied coverage or access to high quality health care based on discriminatory measurements of a treatment's value. Our core belief is rooted in the idea that **every American is valuable.**

We are eager to work with lawmakers on policies that will improve Americans' health and quality of life. It is critical to remain committed to our shared goal of preventing discrimination against people with disabilities and chronic conditions by condemning policies that would rely on the Quality-Adjusted Life Year (QALY) or similar average metrics that fail to account for those who are not average. There is a long history of strong, bi-partisan opposition to QALY-based policies in Medicare and Medicaid that could hurt our most vulnerable populations. Therefore, **we strongly urge policymakers to reject potentially catastrophic legislation and policies that reference QALYs and similar metrics**, which reinforce health inequities, devalue people with disabilities and chronic conditions, older adults and communities of color. The National Council on Disability explicitly warned that policies that would reference QALYs, directly or by referencing foreign prices for medicines, could result in a loss of access to care for people with disabilities.

We are committed to working with the Biden Administration and 117 th Congress as well as states on common sense health reforms centered on patients and people with disabilities, while tackling important issues such as affordability. We will work across the aisle to ensure the implementation of health care solutions.

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LEAD Coalition  
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.  
Lupus Foundation of America  
M-CM Network  
Men's Health Network  
Mental Health America  
MPS Society  
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National Alliance for Hispanic Health  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Coalition for LGBT Health  
National Coalition for Mental Health Recovery  
National Council on Independent Living  
National Down Syndrome Society  
National Osteoporosis Foundation  
NBIA Disorders Association  
NEC Society  
Not Dead Yet  
NTM Info & Research  
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Parkinson's Foundation  
Partnership to Improve Patient Care  
Pemphigus and Pemphigoid Foundation  
Pierce County AIDS Foundation  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association

PXE International  
RASopathies Network  
Sickle Cell Community Consortium  
Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc.  
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The ALS Association  
The American Kidney Fund  
The Arc of the United States  
The Bonnell Foundation: Living with cystic fibrosis  
The Coelho Center for Disability Law, Policy & Innovation  
The diaTribe Foundation  
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research  
The Migraine Diva  
The VHL Alliance  
The White Dress Project  
Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance  
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