



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

Health Task Force

The CCD Health Task Force works on issues encompassed in the very broad term “health”. Specific emphasis is placed on private health insurance and public programs including Medicaid, Medicare and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In 2018, we continued our work on implementation of the Affordable Care Act, commenting on Administration health care proposals, and responding to Congressional proposals. Our task force continued to work closely with the CCD Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Task Force on several Medicaid and health care issues.

Our specific activities included:

- Developing CCD disability principles for inclusion of LTSS in universal health care proposals;
- Responding to the release of the final rule on short term health care plans;
- Providing comments on the questions raised in the Health and Human Services Blueprint to Lower Drug Prices and Reduce Out-of-Pocket Costs;
- Responding to the revised Medicaid access rules;
- Raising concerns regarding the Electronic Visit Verification implementation;
- Opposing provisions that expanded coverage of institution services for people with substance use disorders in Medicaid without also expanding services in the community;
- Supporting the nomination of Dr. Kara Ayers to the Board of Governors for the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute;
- Opposing the expansion of short term limited duration health care plans as described in the notice of proposed rulemaking, and;
- Opposing CMS guidance authorizing statement to implement work requirements for Medicaid recipients.

All task force documents can be found on the CCD [Health Task Force webpage](#).

The task force meets the third Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at PPSV (1501 M Street NW).

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