



THE BENEFITS OF NHC MEMBERSHIP

WHO WE ARE

Created by and for patient organizations 100 years ago, the National Health Council (NHC) brings diverse organizations together to forge consensus and drive patient-centered health policy. We promote increased access to affordable, high-value, sustainable health care.

OUR MEMBERSHIP

Made up of more than [140 national health-related organizations and businesses](#), the NHC's core membership includes the nation's leading patient organizations. Other members include health-related associations and nonprofit organizations including the provider, research, and family caregiver communities; and businesses representing biopharmaceutical, device, diagnostic, generic, and payer organizations.

The National Health Council delivers a wide range of member services to help you succeed.

POLICY MAKING

The National Health Council provides access to deep policy resources and expertise on a broad range of complex issues that impact all people with chronic conditions. Our efforts have yielded the inclusion of multiple provisions in landmark legislation and subsequent regulatory implementation of the Affordable Care Act, 21st Century Cures, PCORI Reauthorization, FDA User Fee Reauthorization Acts, and more. View a list of our [current issue areas](#) on our website.

The NHC shares its relevant policy work, such as [comment letters](#), working documents on policy positions, and white papers, with members ahead of deadlines, allowing you to utilize our materials for your own policy positions and responses.



BUILD YOUR NETWORK

Expand your network with the broader health community through participation in our action teams, affinity groups, conferences, and ad-hoc briefings. Members of your organization can join our policy-focused [action teams](#) or our [affinity groups](#), which are networking group for those in similar organizational positions. Our [conferences and meetings](#) are also excellent opportunities for both education and networking, especially our annual marquee conferences: [Health Leadership Conference](#), [Science of Patient Engagement Symposium](#), and [Washington Representatives Retreat](#).

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AMPLIFY YOUR MESSAGE

Enhance your organization’s public profile and outreach to the broader health community by submitting content for the NHC’s weekly, member newsletter, the *NHC Insider*; highlighting your organization on the [NHC Putting Patients First blog](#); and promoting job openings in your organization on the [NHC Job Bank](#).



STRENGTHEN ORGANIZATIONAL GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

Gain [knowledge on current issues](#) facing the nonprofit sector, such as changes in charity rating systems, innovative fundraising techniques, relationships with the for-profit sector, and impacts of recent tax reform. Strengthen your organization’s governance and board processes through networking, education, and participation in benchmarking surveys.

The NHC member patient organizations utilize our [Standards of Excellence Certification Program](#)[®] to maximize mission impact. The [38 Standards](#) cover the areas of governance, human resources, programs, fundraising, finance, accounting and reporting, and evaluation. Technical assistance is available to all organization, but certification is required for patient organizations.

For more information on member benefits and opportunities, please contact NHC Senior Manager, Member Services & Certifications Katherine Scott at kscott@nhcouncil.org or 202-973-0541.