



## NHC Member Benefits

Founded in 1920, the National Health Council (NHC) brings diverse organizations together to forge consensus and drive patient-centered health policy. The NHC provides a united voice for the more than 160 million people with chronic diseases and disabilities and their family caregivers. Made up of more than 140 national health-related organizations and businesses, the NHC's core membership includes the nation's leading patient advocacy organizations, which control its governance and policy-making process. 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.

We envision a society in which all people have access to quality, affordable health care that respects personal goals and aspirations to promote their best possible health outcomes.

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

**Participate in Our Policy-Making Process:** Strengthen your voice on systemic health issues in Washington, DC, that affect all patients – such as reducing barriers to access to care, advancing the creation of new treatments, and reducing health care costs.

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. Examples of recent successes include:

- Successfully advocating for long-term reauthorization of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), including NHC-led improvements to PCORI's activities;
- Ensuring access to care for millions of older Americans and pushed back on the overuse of step therapy;
- Convincing CMS to maintain access to drugs in the Six Protected Classes in Medicare Part D plans;
- Including provisions to allow patients to spread their out-of-pocket costs over time in every single Congressional proposal to develop a Medicare Part D out-of-pocket cap; and
- Defending patient protections of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA).



The NHC strives to share relevant policy work such as comment letters, working documents on policy positions, and white papers with its members well ahead of deadlines. This allows member organizations to utilize our materials for their own policy positions and responses.

**Build Your Network:** Expand your network with the broader health community through participation in our policy action teams, affinity groups, conferences, and ad-hoc briefings. Opportunities include:

- Monthly Policy Action Team meeting/calls focused on:
  - Health Care Reform
  - Medical Innovation
  
- Three annual, marquee conferences:
  - Health Leadership Conference for patient advocacy and nonprofit CEOs and their Board leadership\*
  - Science of Patient Engagement Symposium
  - Washington Representatives Retreat for government relations staff\*

*\*Health Leadership Conference and Washington Representatives Retreat are free for member nonprofit organizations and dependent on sponsorship for industry members.*
  
- Networking groups for:
  - Chief Executive Officers
  - Chief Financial/Development Officers
  - Communications Staff
  - Chief Medical/Science Officers
  
- Ad-hoc meetings and briefings on relevant/timely topics such as:
  - The role of manufacturer rebates in the health care system
  - FDA guidances on Patient-Focused Drug Development

**Increase Visibility:** Enhance your organization's public profile and outreach to the broader health community by:

- Submitting content for the NHC's weekly, member newsletter *NHC Insider*;
- Highlighting your organization on the [NHC Putting Patient First blog](#); and
- Promoting job openings in your organization on the [NHC Job Bank](#).

**Strengthen Internal 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.

For more information on member benefits and opportunities, please contact please contact the NHC Membership Team at [membership@nhcouncil.org](mailto:membership@nhcouncil.org).