



NACCD Public Policy Priorities

Bill/Policy	What it does	Status
<i>Support FY 2020 Funding Levels</i>	Opposes HHS transfer of funds to pay for immigrant children detention	Completed, funding secured for FY 2020
<i>Student Non-Discrimination Act of 2018</i>	A bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.	Introduced March 21, 2018. In committee.
<i>HEADs UP Act</i>	To amend the Public Health Service Act to expand and improve health care services by health centers and the National Health Service Corps for individuals with a developmental disability, and for other purposes.	This bill is in the first stage of the legislative process. It was introduced into Congress on July 26, 2018. It will typically be considered by committee next before it is possibly sent on to the House or Senate as a whole.
<i>Waiver Section 1115- Medicaid Work Requirement Waiver Opposition</i>	States are being encouraged to adopt measures to require that Medicaid beneficiaries meet a work/community engagement/education requirement.	Arizona is pending – which is CMS is reviewing what AHCCCS submitted.
<i>Make medical tax exemption permanent</i>	Under the Tax Cuts & Job Act, the threshold for deducting medical expenses has been lowered from 10% of adjusted gross income (AGI) to 7.5% of AGI, but only for 2017 and 2018. Under one bill, the change would be effective for 2019 and beyond.	
<i>Support ABLÉ Age Adjustment Act</i>	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the age requirement with respect to eligibility for qualified ABLÉ programs.	Stuck in committee (introduced 4/4/17)
<i>Oppose Public Charge Rule</i>	Declares individuals immigrating to the United inadmissible if there is any chance that person would be could ever become a public charge (apply for public benefits). This rule would apply for current aliens and permanent residents already residing in the US. To require all aliens seeking an extension of stay or change of status to demonstrate that they have not received, are not currently receiving,	Open to public comments until December 10, 2018. Likely to move.

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<i>Disability Integration Act H.R. 2472</i>	Prohibits states or local governments and insurance providers from denying community-based services that enable individuals with disabilities to live in the community and lead an independent life. Governments/Insurance providers are prohibited from: (1) imposing prohibited eligibility criteria, cost caps, waiting lists, or payment structures; (2) failing to provide a specific community-based service; or (3) requiring an individual to receive a service in a congregate or disability-specific setting.	In committee.
<i>Support EMPOWER Care Act (MFP)</i>	Help individuals with disabilities and seniors stay out of nursing homes and living in their communities. Funding expired in 2016 but states can use their remaining grant funding through 2020. Programs have already been scaled back by 40%. EMPOWER Care Act resolves that by reauthorizing the program through 2022, we can keep individuals living in their communities.	Likely to move.
<i>Air Carrier Access Amendments Act</i>	Protect rights of passengers with disabilities in air transportation (strengthens Air Carrier Access Act).	Introduced, but still in committee.
<i>SNAP/Farm Bill</i>	Cuts and efforts to weaken SNAP within the Farm Bill language should be rejected.	Open to public comments until December 7.
<i>ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017</i>	The bill prohibits civil actions based on the failure to remove an architectural barrier to access into an existing public accommodation unless: (1) the aggrieved person has provided to the owners or operators a written notice specific enough to identify the barrier, and (2) the owners or operators fail to provide the person with a written description outlining improvements that will be made to improve the barrier or they fail to remove the barrier or make substantial progress after providing such a description.	Passed House amended (02/15/2018)