

Legislative Agenda: 117th Congress, 2nd Session

About Chronic Disease Day

Chronic diseases account for 7 of the top 10 causes of death in America and more than 90 percent of our annual healthcare spending. Hundreds of thousands of Americans who suffer from unpreventable chronic conditions need access to care. But the deadliest and costliest chronic diseases are also the most preventable. We promote actionable resources to lower the rate of preventable chronic diseases so that our healthcare system can better support individuals with unpreventable chronic conditions and invisible illnesses.

Advocate for Chronic Disease & Invisible Illness

Chronic Disease Day is an opportunity for legislators to pledge to address issues that impact across the entire chronic disease community. These issues include funding needed medical research and public health programs and advancing legislation that supports a patient's ability to access the care they need. While we reflect on recent progress and opportunities for further advancement around July 10th, our community of supporters work year-round to educate policymakers about contemporary issues and to use our stories and collective voice to advocate for issues that impact across the chronic disease community.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Funding Recommendations

-Please provide the National Institutes of Health (NIH) with \$49 billion, an increase of \$3.5 billion over FY 2022. Please also provide the new Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) with a separate meaningful funding increase to enhance implementation of this new and important program.

-Please provide the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with at least \$11 billion for FY 2023.

-Please provide CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP) with systematic and meaningful annual increases to bring total funding up to \$3.75 billion annually.

-Please provide \$6 million for NCCDPHP's Chronic Disease Education and Awareness program, an increase of \$3 million over FY 2022.

Legislation and Policy Requests

-Please cosponsor the *Safe Step Act* (S. 464/ H.R. 2163) by contacting the offices of Senators Murkowski (R-AK) or Hassan (D-NH) in the Senate, or Congressmen Raul Ruiz D-CA-36) or Brad Wenstrup (R-OH-2) in the House.

-Please cosponsor the *Chronic Condition Copay Elimination Act* (H.R. 4371) by contacting the office of Congresswoman Lauren Underwood (D-IL).

-Please cosponsor the *HELP Copays Act* (H.R. 5801) by contacting the office of Donald McEachin (D-VA-4) or Rodney Davis (R-IL-13).