



Priority Initiative – The Policy Agenda

The development and implementation of federal and state policies is critical to improving and sustaining innovative, high-quality, and well-coordinated advanced care delivery.

To achieve comprehensive reform, C-TAC has identified barriers in current law to improving advanced care delivery, examined those barriers vis-à-vis successful private sector care innovations, and developed a consensus-based Policy Agenda to advocate for high-quality, person-centered advanced care for all Americans. The following initiatives have been undertaken:

- ✓ **C-TAC Guiding Principles (Spring 2012).** The C-TAC Policy & Advocacy Workgroup initially developed a set of principles to align and guide the efforts of not just the Workgroup, but the entire Coalition.
- ✓ **Policy Framework (Spring 2013).** The Workgroup developed a comprehensive policy framework that illustrates the key barriers to improving advanced care delivery and examined options to remove those barriers.
- ✓ **Policy “Compendium” (Fall 2013).** While identifying policy options to address these barriers, we compiled a desk reference guide of current policies that have been introduced in the past five sessions of Congress, entitled *Advanced Illness Policy Review: The Landscape for Improving Advanced Illness Care in America*.
- ✓ **Policy Survey (November 2013).** Following the release of the Policy “Compendium”, Workgroup members ranked each policy option by level of priority and support before initiating the Policy Agenda.
- ✓ **Policy Outline (Spring 2014).** To create the Policy Agenda, the Workgroup prepared a consensus-based guide to advanced illness public policy using the results from the Policy Survey.
- ✓ **POLICY AGENDA (January 2015).** The Policy Agenda outlines key legislative and regulatory barriers to delivering high-quality, comprehensive, and person-centered advanced care and highlights C-TAC’s overall policy priorities and objectives. The Policy Agenda was vetted through multiple C-TAC experts and will be further refined and enhanced through findings from the Advanced Care Project (ACP) and the Community Action Project.

Advocacy Plan

In 2015, C-TAC will focus on disseminating and implementing its comprehensive federal **Policy Agenda**. The policy team will work to advocate for policy reforms that align with the Coalition’s vision to improve advanced illness care and to ensure that all those with advanced illness, especially the sickest and most vulnerable, receive comprehensive, high-quality, person- and family-centered care that is consistent with their goals and values and honors their dignity.

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