



## **2021 Policy Priorities**

### **1. Long-Term Impact of COVID-19**

- a. Build Awareness among Policymakers of Need for Post-COVID Rehabilitation
- b. Maintain and Increase Access to Rehabilitation for Post-COVID Patients

### **2. Expansion of Telehealth and Telerehabilitation**

- a. Ensure Continued Access to In-Person Services
- b. Support Expansion of Temporary Telehealth Authorities to Increase Access for Beneficiaries as Supplemental Modality
- c. Advance Safeguards to Ensure Telehealth Expansion Does Not Exacerbate Health and Economic Inequities

### **3. Medicare Post-Acute Care Reforms**

- a. Highlight Restrictions in Access to Rehabilitation Therapy Services in All Settings of Care
- b. Call for Timely Release of Data on Rehabilitation Access and Utilization
- c. Increase Flexibility with the Three-Hour Rule for IRFs (*Access to Inpatient Rehabilitation Therapy Act*)
- d. Ensure Unified Post-Acute Payment Reform Addresses Needs of All Patients
- e. “Reset” Timeline for IMPACT Act Implementation
- f. Refine Documentation of IRF Medical Necessity
- g. Monitor Developments with Post-Acute Care Value-Based Purchasing Efforts to Ensure Patient Access is Protected

### **4. Integrity of Essential Health Benefits (EHB) Package**

- a. Strengthen EHB and Insurance Protections through ACA Legislation
- b. Monitor HHS for Future Regulation on Rehabilitative Services and Devices
- c. Respond to Medicare Advantage Call Letter and ACA Plan Regulations (Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters)
- d. Advocate for Rollback of Short-Term, Limited-Duration and Other Inadequate Coverage Options

### **5. Access to Rehabilitation in Managed Care, Including Medicare Advantage Plans**

- a. Limit Overuse and Misuse of Prior Authorization and Proprietary Guidelines
- b. Ensure Network Adequacy Requirements Are Met

### **6. Access to Rehabilitation in Medicaid, other Federal Programs, and Private Insurance**

## **7. Responses to Future Regulations**

- a. IRF PPS Proposed Rule
- b. SNF PPS Proposed Rule
- c. Home Health PPS Proposed Rule
- d. Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule