CPR 2024 Policy Priorities

1. Medicare Post-Acute Care Reforms
   a. Ensure that any MedPAC payment reform recommendations address the needs of all patients.
   b. Highlight restrictions in access to rehabilitation therapy services in all settings of care.
   c. Call for timely release of data on rehabilitation access and utilization.
   e. Engage with Congress to build support for H.R. 6110, the *Access to Inpatient Rehabilitation Therapy Act* (IRF Three-Hour Rule)
   f. Monitor developments with post-acute care Value-Based Purchasing efforts to ensure patient access is protected.
   g. Patient engagement and education of settings of post-acute care discharge planning requirements.

2. Access to Rehabilitation in Medicare Advantage, Medicaid, other Federal Programs, and Private Insurance
   a. Advocate for equitable access to benefits in Medicare Advantage and traditional Medicare.
   b. Continue working with Congress and the Administration to ensure Prior Authorization, and other utilization management techniques, are utilized properly.
   c. Ensure Network Adequacy requirements are met.
   d. Ensure robust access to medically appropriate rehabilitation for complex conditions, including for stroke, amputations, and other complex conditions.
   e. Advocate for expanded research to better collect data to compare rehabilitation outcomes across populations, sites, and payers.
   f. Continue to advocate for an exceptions process for rehabilitation therapy that exceeds therapy caps imposed by ACA plans.
   g. Encourage patients and providers to utilize both the grievance and complaint processes in addition to the appeals process.

3. Long-Term Impact of COVID-19
   a. Continue building awareness among policymakers of need for post-COVID rehabilitation.
   b. Maintain and increase access to rehabilitation for Long COVID patients.

4. Expansion of Telehealth and Telerehabilitation
a. Preserve expansion of telehealth and telerehabilitation post-December 31, 2024, to increase access to care for people with impairments.
b. Ensure patients have access to in-person services when such services are medically necessary or preferred by the patient.
c. Ensure health equity through individualized, evicence-bassed assessments and other safeguards that prioritize in-person care and treat telehealth and telerehabilitation as a supplemental option.
d. Ensure appropriate reimbursement for telehealth services to maintain access.

5. Integrity of Essential Health Benefits (EHB) Package
   a. Strengthen EHB and insurance protections through ACA legislation.
   b. Monitor and respond to HHS on future regulation of rehabilitative services and devices.
   c. Respond to ACA Plan regulations.
   d. Monitor and respond to Short-Term, Limited-Duration Insurance Final Rule.

6. Affordable Care Act and Non-Discrimination Issues
   a. Monitor and respond as appropriate to Final Rules on Updating Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
   b. Monitor and respond as appropriate to Section 1557 Final Rule

7. Responses to Future Regulations
   a. Respond as appropriate to IRF PPS, SNF PPS, Home Health PPS, and Physician Fee Schedule proposed rules.