



State Advocacy

Top Advocacy List for Making Change and a Lasting Impact on Hepatitis Policy

✓ Be Informed! Communicate with Policymakers! Vote!

- You're the Experts! Share Your Expertise! Testify!

✓ Join Local/State Hepatitis Task Forces

- If you do not have one, start one!
- Encourage Advocacy
- Policy Subcommittees
 - Work with other advocates and use the HHS Stakeholders' Workbook to make a plan and develop policies for your state. →

✓ Coalitions – Local, State & National

- Join and share your perspective with coalitions outside of hepatitis. *No one is immune to hepatitis.*
- Share hepatitis policy updates.

✓ Engage with your Medicaid and Insurance Agencies

- Testify at formulary meetings.
- Meet with your commissioner.
- Join the local care organization as a patient representative.

✓ Seek Gubernatorial and Mayoral Proclamations

- May is Hepatitis Awareness Month.

✓ Utilize Awareness Days

- Hepatitis, HIV, Immunization, Substance Use, etc.

✓ Engage with the Media

- Press Releases, Letters to the Editor, Featured Articles, Editorial Review Boards.

✓ Use Social Media

✓ Hold State of Hepatitis Forums

- Invite Policymakers – Highlight the Need.

✓ Hepatitis Advocacy/Lobby Day

- Descend on the State Capitol.
- Give awards to your Champions.
- Serve FOOD!



Your Hepatitis coordinator is a vital resource!

What programs are already in place?

What seems to be the natural "next step"?

Who are your community allies?

Who are your legislative champions?

What is realistic to expect?

Organize! Mobilize! Realize!

Do your Homework!