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2020 Policy Agenda

Updated National Blueprint

- Update to the 2017 National Blueprint: Achieving Quality Malnutrition Care for Older Adults to add more current and detailed content for advocates
- Widely disseminate the updated Blueprint, including at conferences and through a webinar

Malnutrition Electronic Clinical Quality Measures

- Continue to advocate for the inclusion of Medicare inpatient acute care malnutrition electronic clinical quality measures in CMS programs
- Work with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and other organizations to implement the new inclusion of the measures in the Premier Clinician Performance Registry and the Wound Care Registry
- Write regulatory comments in support of the measures
- Give webinars and conference presentations
- Attend in-person meetings to advocate for the measures

Federal Policy Advocacy Priorities

- Monitor and advocate for the recommendations contained in the December 2019 GAO report “Nutrition Assistance Programs: Agencies Could Do More to Help Address the Nutritional Needs of Older Adults,” including the inclusion of specific older adult recommendations in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans
- Monitor and work to have the two report language items in the Labor-HHS bill moved forward, including the language which calls for the AHRQ to convene a technical expert panel charged with creating a malnutrition-related readmissions quality measure
- Advocate for inclusion of malnutrition screening in the final version of the Older Americans Act reauthorization and working to make sure it is implemented
- Advocate for increases in federal funding for federal nutrition programs
- Advocate for potential legislative language on standards for meals provided under Medicare Advantage

Other Federal Policy Work

- Educate policymakers about other malnutrition-related topics, including the Healthy People 2030 health objectives, Medicare Advantage nutrition supplemental benefits, and veterans’ malnutrition programs
- Write comments on these and other malnutrition-related topics
- Hold webinars and briefings
- Develop and disseminate issue briefs

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- Build out the Defeat Malnutrition Today website's federal advocacy section
- Continue federal advocacy on a Malnutrition Awareness Week™ resolution

State/Local Coalition Development and Engagement

- Update of our 2018 State Legislative Toolkit to add more current and detailed content for state and local advocates
- Assess possibilities for movement on state legislation in UT, FL, TX, NY, NM, WA, and other states
- Work with coalition groups that already have a state chapter presence
- Engage state advocates directly with meetings and webinars
- Build out the Defeat Malnutrition Today website's state/local advocacy section
- Work with the National Conference of State Legislatures for potential recognition of malnutrition as a priority issue

Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) Education

- Educate providers and the public on ERAS protocols
- Host webinars on this topic
- Construct one-page consumer-focused issue briefs on malnutrition in special populations