

Our Positions on: Health Care



We believe that our siblings and others with disabilities have the right to affordable, accessible, and quality health care services.

We vehemently oppose the discrimination of individuals with disabilities in health care due to their medical predispositions. We support legislation that secures access to critical medical supports, including, but not limited to, cancer therapy, organ transplants, mental health services, and targeted treatments.

We support the ongoing training of medical professionals to encourage effective communication and interactional skills in working with individuals with disabilities. We believe that medical professionals must convey information to individuals with disabilities, their families, and their Sibs in understandable ways.

We support the ongoing training of medical professionals to foster culturally competent practices addressing the intersectionality of disability, race, religion, sex, and socioeconomic status of their patients.

We support the expansion of private and public health care benefits to improve health outcomes for individuals with disabilities. We promote the wider acceptance of governmental health care coverage by medical practitioners to expand medical access for Illinois residents with disabilities.

We support the advancement of medical research and public health initiatives that reduce medical disparities for individuals with disabilities in the state of Illinois.

We support Sibs in accessing Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) benefits while caring for their sibling with a serious health condition.

We believe adults with disabilities have the right to seek a medical practitioner of their choosing and may elect their Sib to support their decision-making.

We support research related to caregiver mental health as well as access to mental health resources addressing the stress Sibs may experience throughout their siblings' lifespans.

We believe Sibs should be viewed as critical members of their siblings' medical decision-making team. Sibs are uniquely positioned to detect and communicate health changes in their siblings in order to inform medical decisions.