



## *About ITEM*

The Independence Through Enhancement of Medicare and Medicaid (ITEM) Coalition is a consumer and clinician-led coalition of nearly 100 national non-profit organizations committed to advocating for access to and coverage of assistive devices, technologies, and related services for people with injuries, illnesses, disabilities, and chronic conditions. Our members include a diverse set of disability organizations, aging organizations, consumer groups, voluntary health associations, and non-profit provider associations representing individuals with a wide range of disabling conditions, as well as the clinicians who serve them, including such conditions as ALS, multiple sclerosis, paralysis, cerebral palsy, spinal cord injuries, brain injury, stroke, limb loss, spina bifida, myositis, hearing, speech, and vision impairments, and other life-altering conditions.

## *ITEM Coalition Federal Policy Priorities - 2023*

The ITEM Coalition holds an annual in-person meeting to set policy priorities for the coming year and subsequent advocacy strategies. The Coalition's detailed priorities for 2023 and our past advocacy work can be found at [www.itemcoalition.org](http://www.itemcoalition.org).

- Medicare Coverage of Seat Elevation and Standing Systems in Power Wheelchairs
- Medicare Coverage of Low Vision Devices
- Access to Complex Rehabilitation Technology (CRT)
- Accessible Medical Equipment
- Medicare Coverage for New and Emerging Technologies
- DMEPOS Coverage and Access Issues
- Orthotics & Prosthetics (O&P) Coverage and Access
- Reform HCPCS Coding System
- Access to Assistive Devices under the Affordable Care Act
- Medicaid Coverage of Cochlear Implants
- Promoting Consideration of Patient Experience and Functional Outcomes in CMS Coverage and Payment Determinations

## *Steering Committee Members*

The ITEM Coalition is directed by a Steering Committee, with members representing patient organizations selected for their experience and leadership in the disability field. The Steering Committee meets monthly to discuss ongoing coalition objectives and to respond to new issues pertinent to the coalition's priorities and individuals with disabilities and chronic conditions. The current ITEM Coalition Steering Committee members are listed below:

Amputee Coalition  
ALS Association  
Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation  
Paralyzed Veterans of America  
Spina Bifida Association  
Team Gleason  
United Spinal Association