

Recent AAN Advocacy Successes

Telehealth

- Extended Medicare flexibilities by 151 days following the Public Health Emergency
- Secured \$65 billion investment into fast, reliable, and affordable broadband infrastructure
- Majority of US Senate on record supporting permanent telehealth coverage

Aducanumab

- Academy successfully advocated for the FDA to narrow the label of aducanumab
- Provided significant comments to the pending National Coverage Determination

Cost of Rx Drugs

- Supported key provisions in the Build Back Better Act, which is pending in the Senate
- Published op-ed in national publication highlighting AAN's support for lowering drug costs

Medical Research

- \$45 billion for NIH, an increase of \$2 billion, marking the 7th consecutive year of strong increases
- \$1 billion for new agency focused on conducting high risk, high reward research
- \$620 million for the BRAIN Initiative, an increase of \$60 million
- Supported new legislation in Congress to establish FDA Neuroscience Center of Excellence

IDEAS

- Supported legislation specifically aimed at improving inclusivity in clinical trials, including the ENACT Act which recently received a hearing in Congress
- Supported legislation to improve affordability and accessibility of health care insurance for vulnerable populations
- Provided health equity feedback to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Reimbursement

- Implemented increased reimbursements for evaluation and management codes, resulting in seven percent increase in Medicare reimbursements for neurology overall
- Averted the "Medicare Cliff," which would have reduced Medicare reimbursement by nearly 10%
- Advocated on many policy issues, including telehealth, as part of the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

Workforce

- 1,000 new federally funded GME slots for the first time in decades
- Created a coalition to advocate for expanding and improving the Conrad 30 program, and secured a hearing on the legislation
- Enacted the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act, which provides funding to improve mental and behavioral health among health care providers

Regulatory Relief

- Delayed penalty phase for the Medicare Appropriate Use Criteria program until at least January 1, 2023
- Majority of the US House to cosponsor bill reforming prior authorization in Medicare Advantage
- Nearly 2,000 AAN members urged Congress to support this legislation

Veterans

- Congress urged the VA to increase its investment in the VA Neurology Centers of Excellence
- Congress commissioned report on ways to improve care for veterans with neurological conditions

Covid-19

- Requested and supported rule requiring vaccination status for health care workers