



NASL 2019 Legislative Priorities & Fact Sheet

About NASL

The National Association for the Support of Long Term Care (NASL) is a trade association comprised of ancillary providers of products and services to the long term and post-acute care (LTPAC) sector. NASL members work with skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), assisted and independent living communities, home health, inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs), adult day care, hospice and long term care hospitals (LTCHs). NASL represents and advocates for its members on legislative and regulatory issues that impact the quality of care to patients in long term and post-acute care settings.

Formed in 1989, NASL represents approximately 100 companies that provide medical products, medical services, clinical laboratory services and health information technology (health IT) to the LTPAC sector. NASL member companies include providers of occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech language pathology services. NASL member companies also include providers of clinical laboratory and portable x-ray services, as well as suppliers and manufacturers of durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics and supplies (DMEPOS).

NASL continually seeks to influence national healthcare policy by improving Medicare ancillary payments and ensuring that laws and regulations that promote quality patient care are put in place. NASL partners with other LTPAC leaders on a variety of cross-cutting initiatives such as seeking repeal of the therapy cap. NASL has created quality measures for therapy services as well as alternatives to the current payment system for these services.

NASL members serve key roles in national efforts to promote the adoption of electronic health records (EHRs), calling for the inclusion of LTPAC in national health IT initiatives. NASL pursues fairer reimbursement for clinical lab and portable x-ray services. Because of NASL's reputation as a broker of good health policy, federal agencies often reach out to NASL when seeking to appoint to members to government-sponsored technical expert panels.

By leveraging the operational, clinical and technical expertise of its members, NASL is working with nationwide healthcare coalitions, sponsoring education sessions on key issues and driving improvements in national health policy that improve care quality for the patients we serve.

National Advocacy

A leading national advocate on long term care issues, NASL represents providers of medical products, medical services, including rehabilitative therapy, diagnostics & health information technology to the long term & post-acute care (LTPAC) sector.

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- Allow Medicare's telehealth services to authorize reimbursement for therapy services in originating sites & expand the list of eligible telehealth services.
- Recognize the LTPAC sector has a vital role in terms of health IT & achieving interoperability.
- Support allowing Medicare beneficiaries to have hospital days spent under "observation" to count toward a 3-day qualifying hospital inpatient stay.
- Implement NASL's newly-proposed bundled payment system for clinical laboratory services which would consolidate payments for mobile lab tests into a single episode payment for the most common tests.
- Permanently ban the implementation of the application of competitive bid prices for Complex Rehab Technology manual wheelchairs and components.

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