



NASL 2020 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 advocates for high quality care for the patients we serve through working to advance medical services, health information technology (health IT), diagnostic services, and medical products 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 creating 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 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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- Delay or stay the significant cuts to the 2021 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule resulting from Evaluation and Management (E&M) changes made by CMS.
- Expand access to telehealth coverage under the Medicare program by passing the *CONNECT for Health Act of 2019 (S.2741)*.
- Implement NASL's newly-proposed simplified payment model for clinical laboratory services provided to Medicare nursing home and homebound beneficiaries
- Maintain the current Novitas rates for portable x-ray transportation services until enough information/data can be collected to demonstrate the total cost of providing these services.
- Support allowing Medicare beneficiaries to have hospital days spent under "observation" to count toward 3-day qualifying hospital stay.
- Consult with the Sequoia Project, NASL and stakeholders in advance of issuing any draft legislation on interoperability.

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