



## Pediatric Congenital Heart Association 2019-2020 Policy Priorities

- 1) Promote public reporting activities through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**
  - Develop and advocate for levers to promote increased participation in public reporting activities
  
- 2) Support Congenital Heart Disease Research and Surveillance at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**
  - Advocate for adequate funding
  - Advocate for multi-centered research across the lifespan specific to congenital heart disease
  - Advocate for genomic research on congenital heart defects and other structural birth defects
  - Advocate for public health research, surveillance and awareness activities that address congenital heart disease across the lifespan
  - Promote and collaborate on activities outputs and publications
  - Increase patient engagement with the institute and center
  
- 3) Increase awareness of the public health burden of Congenital Heart Disease**
  - Educate members of Congress about CHD and health care disparities
  
- 4) Support policy aimed to improve access to appropriate and timely specialized care**
  - Support key coverage provisions that minimize catastrophic medical debt for patients
  - Educate about lifelong need for specialized care, including reimbursement for education to facilitate transition from pediatric to adult health care, beginning in pediatrics
  
- 5) Identify opportunities to support the CHD community through endorsement of policy not specific to CHD**
  - Ex: Pediatric medical device development
  - Leverage relationships with strategic partners
  - Coalition Participation

