



HealthPolCom Case Study

Medicare Part D Legislative Changes

Situation: A leading national patient advocacy and legal assistance organization was pursuing regulatory appeals, legal resolutions, and legislative corrections to address Medicare's denial of coverage for medically necessary treatments due to an unusual provision in the Medicare Part D outpatient prescription drug benefit law.

Actions: Provided pro-bono research, insight and guidance about the legislative situation and history to help inform their legal arguments and legislative strategy.

Contacted leading Medicaid legislative experts about the provisions of Federal law that the Medicare Part D plans were citing as justification for denying patients coverage for medically necessary treatments.

Recommended legislative approaches, strategies, and drafted legislative language to improve the Medicare law.

Outcome: Legal and legislative advocacy staff developed better arguments and strategies for expanding access Medicare patients access to medically necessary treatments. The law was eventually amended to provide greater clarity for coverage and access to critical medicines.