

COVID Patient Recovery Alliance Praises Representatives DeGette and Upton for Long-COVID Policies Included in “Cures 2.0” Legislation

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(Washington, D.C.) – The COVID Patient Recovery Alliance, a multi-sector collaboration of leading health care organizations committed to identifying federal policy solutions that help the health care sector respond to long-COVID, applauds U.S. Representatives DeGette and Upton for the inclusion of significant new federal long-COVID policies in their new bipartisan legislation, Cures 2.0, H.R. 6000. The policies mark a critical step forward in federal policymakers’ response to long-COVID and will help improve the lives of individuals with long-COVID.

The Alliance supports the long-COVID policies in Section 101 in Cures 2.0, which are in line with the Alliance’s recommendations outlined in its September 2021 [interim report](#). The interim report outlined more than two dozen recommendations to Congress and the Biden Administration to promote recovery and restoration for individuals facing long-COVID.

As Cures 2.0 advances through the legislative process, the Alliance looks forward to working with Representatives DeGette and Upton and members of Congress to advance these important long-COVID policies. The COVID Patient Recovery Alliance welcomes the opportunity to serve as a resource to federal policymakers as they evaluate and advance policies which support individuals with long-COVID.

Sec. 101. Further Understanding the Implications of Long COVID

- **Sources of Coverage Survey:** Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to conduct an extensive national survey of patients who self-identify as having long-COVID to assess sources of health coverage, long-term care coverage, and disability coverage.
- **Learning Collaborative:** Directs the Secretary of HHS to convene a series of national meetings to serve as the basis of ongoing long-COVID learning collaborative with individuals and organizations representing key sectors of the health care community. This should include health plans, providers (including hospitals, physicians, nurses, etc.), medical and scientific researchers, patient and consumer advocates, data scientists, service providers, and developers of diagnostics and therapeutics.
- **Long-COVID in Pediatric Populations:** Establishes National Institutes of Health (NIH) research grants to research the long-term effects of COVID-19 in children.
- **Disparities in Long-COVID:** Directs the National Academy of Medicine to conduct a study to evaluate the presence and causes of disparities in long-COVID with respect to individuals who are Black, Hispanic, American Indian, Alaska Native, and others.
- **Education and Awareness Programs:** Directs the Secretary of HHS to develop and disseminate information regarding the awareness, incidence, and common symptoms of long COVID, as well as the availability, as medically appropriate, of treatment options for long COVID. Requires the CDC to develop and disseminate to health care providers regarding long-COVID.

About Us

The COVID Patient Recovery Alliance is a multi-disciplinary group of more than 20 leading organizations and individual experts across the health care sector dedicated to helping the health care sector and federal policymakers address the health care challenges faced by individuals with long-COVID. Alliance members are leading health care organizations and include health care providers, health systems, health researchers, health data scientists, health policy experts, consumer advocates, and others.

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