

Want to Learn More?

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“Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in healthcare is the most shocking and inhumane.”

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our Community Includes Everyone



Michigan Developmental
Disabilities Council



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Purpose:

To advocate for an increase in the quality, availability and range of healthcare supports and services statewide for people with developmental disabilities.

What we do:

- Advocate to protect access to Medicaid healthcare spending levels in the state budget
- Support people with disabilities and their allies to advocate for comprehensive, affordable, responsive and accessible healthcare
- Educate policymakers and legislators about health issues by in-person meetings and testifying at relevant committee meetings and hearings
- Provide input on health issues of importance to people with disabilities
- Partner with other health advocacy allies to share information and advocate for responsive policy
- Meet every other month to discuss issues, priorities, strategies and progress.

- Collaborate with council resources (other work groups and committees) to maximize our effectiveness in education and advocating
- Advise DD Council on health policy and help develop health elements of its Five-year Strategic Plan

Objectives:

- Protect Medicaid funding in the state budget and advocate for the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act
- Monitor care coordination and dual eligibility for Medicaid and Medicare
- Work to improve transportation access to Medicaid funded healthcare
- Advocate for “optional” services, such as oral health so they are protected in the state budget

Successes:

- Helped restore Medicaid funded oral health services
- Raised awareness among policymakers about the importance of healthcare and the needs of people with disabilities

Statewide Partner

Organizations:

- Alliance for Michigan Medicaid Access
- United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)
- Michigan Consumers for Healthcare
- Michigan Disability Rights Coalition (MDRC)
- Regional Inclusive Community Coalitions (RICCS)

Why you should join:

- Advocate for improved quality and availability of healthcare
- Learn about healthcare policy issues and resources
- Help inform the DD Council and have a say in what it does about issues that affect families and individuals with developmental disabilities
- Inform policymakers about what needs to change