

# 2023 Arthritis Foundation Advocacy Priorities



2023 will see the beginning of a new Congress and all 50 states in session, giving our Advocates more opportunities than ever to use the power of their stories to impact change. We will pursue bold policy priorities through the launch of Ideal Model of Care, seeking to improve care for people with arthritis from diagnosis all the way through to continuity of treatment.

## State Advocacy

We will work in states to achieve an Ideal Model of Care for people with arthritis by:

- Easing barriers to care through step therapy reform and prior authorization
- Addressing patients' out-of-pocket costs through co-pay assistance protection and co-pay caps
- Creating Arthritis Advisory Councils to bring evidence-based symptom management solutions to people with arthritis
- Ensuring access to biomarker testing to help patients identify the best treatment path for them

## Federal Advocacy

We will work with the 118th Congress to achieve an Ideal Model of Care for people with arthritis by:

- Building support for legislation to reduce barriers to treatment through utilization management reforms
- Increasing funding for workforce shortage programs to help bring more providers to people in underserved areas
- Expanding recognition of arthritis as an urgent public health priority
- Strengthening support for more patient-centered health care models that bring true value-based care to people with arthritis

## Grassroots Advocacy

Our Advocates will fuel Ideal Model of Care through the power of their stories. We will provide new opportunities to take action in 2023 by:

- Utilizing our new Advocacy Roadmap to guide Advocates to learn and take action at their own pace
- Expanding resources available to Advocates through the website and Volunteer Portal
- Strengthening State Advocacy Committees to help identify and respond to health care issues locally
- Hosting our signature Advocacy Summit in Washington, DC in the Fall

## Get Involved!

You can support each of these priorities by becoming an Advocate!

- Sign up to be an Advocate at [bit.ly/AF-Advocate](https://bit.ly/AF-Advocate) to receive action opportunities and policy updates to your inbox or mobile device
- Follow us on Twitter [@AFAdvocacy](https://twitter.com/AFAdvocacy) for real-time updates
- Email [advocacy@arthritis.org](mailto:advocacy@arthritis.org) to get plugged into your State Advocacy Committee