Alzheimer’s Public Policy Initiatives that will Change the World

National Alzheimer’s Plan
Disease altering treatment by 2025
$2 Billion in Research Funding

The Alzheimer’s Accountability Act 2015
• Requires NIH to submit an annual Alzheimer’s budget to Congress & POTUS
• Specifies resources needed to reach the National Alzheimer’s Plan’s 2025 goal

Bypass Budget Success
• FY17: $400M Additional funding!! ***ACHIEVED
• FY 18: $414M Increase
• ***ACHIEVED
• FY 2019: $425M Increase
• ***ACHIEVED
• FY 2020: Request is for $350M

U.S. Funding of Alzheimer’s Research
now totals an estimated
$2,340,000,000 per year!

HOPE ACT 2016
Medicare Adopts Coverage of Alzheimer’s Care Planning
Overwhelming bipartisan Congressional support for the HOPE for Alzheimer’s Act.
Diagnosis & Disclosure

About half of those living with Alzheimer’s have been diagnosed.

Benefits of Comprehensive Care Planning

• Care planning is key to learning about medical and non-medical treatments, clinical trials, and support services.
• It results in fewer hospitalizations, emergency room visits, and better medication management.

Next Steps:

- HOPE for Alzheimer’s Act (114th Congress)
- CMS Care Planning Code
- Improving HOPE for Alzheimer’s Act

The Improving HOPE for Alzheimer’s Act would:

• Require CMS to conduct outreach about comprehensive care planning services for individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias to physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and certified nurse midwives.
• Require CMS to submit a report to Congress on provider outreach and utilization rates, including information on any barriers Medicare beneficiaries face in accessing these services.

Younger-Onset AD Act

• Unique challenges:
  – Stigma and stereotypes
  – Still raising families
  – Loss of income
  – Diagnosis questioned

Allow individuals living with younger-onset Alzheimer’s disease to be eligible for programs under the OAA

Require a report to Congress annually on the use of programs and identification of the gaps in the needs of this population

The political climate
Public Health Promotes & Protects
At the community level

What Makes Alzheimer’s a Public Health Concern?
- The burden is LARGE
- The impact is MAJOR
- There are ways to INTERVENE

BOLD: From Bill to Law

THE BOLD INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ALZHEIMER’S ACT HAS BEEN SIGNED IN TO LAW!

2019: Engaging Public Health to Improve Early Detection & Timely Diagnosis

Every Voice Makes a Difference