

American Diabetes Association (ADA)

Advocacy efforts focus on diabetes prevention and coverage

Organization Description: ADA was founded in 1940 and is the leading nonprofit organization working on diabetes research and advocacy. Its programs cover all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Its mission is to prevent and cure diabetes and improve the lives of anyone affected by the disease.

Proposal Summary: ADA does not have a comprehensive health reform plan. ADA does engage in advocacy-related activities at the federal and state levels. Its advocacy is directed toward improving coverage, prevention, and affordability for the diabetic population, but does not address health care reform for the general population.

- *Coverage:* ADA focuses its advocacy efforts on improving and protecting health insurance coverage for people with diabetes in both Congress and the 50 state legislatures. In Congress, ADA will focus on ensuring that businesses cannot deny coverage of diabetes supplies. At the state level, ADA will continue to protect the benefits available under Medicaid and the populations served by the program.
- *Wellness & Prevention:* ADA will urge Congress to increase funding for diabetes prevention and research programs administered by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). It will work to reduce obesity and prevent diabetes among the younger and general population.
- *Other:* Advocate for more research funding for diabetes.

Proposal Date: 2006

Source: ADA Advocacy Goals, 2006, <http://www.diabetes.org/uedocuments/AdvocacyGoals2006.pdf>; ADA Government Affairs and Advocacy, <http://www.diabetes.org/advocacy-and-legalresources/advocacy.jsp>.