



Successes, Challenges & Goals Shared between Patient Communities



The Epilepsy Foundation is an unwavering ally for individuals and families impacted by epilepsy and seizures.

We strive to ensure that people with seizures have the opportunity to live their lives to their fullest potential.



I Am Essential Coalition

- Broad group of about 300 patient and community organizations representing millions of patients and their families
- Led by The AIDS Institute, the Epilepsy Foundation and the National Alliance on Mental Illness.
- Formed to ensure quality and affordable essential health benefits and sufficient patient protections in the ACA qualified health plans.
- Focus on limited benefits; high cost-sharing; and lack of transparency and uniformity.



People with Chronic Conditions Face Similar Access Barriers

- Nearly 3 million people living with epilepsy and seizures in the US
- Many individuals living with epilepsy were denied access to health insurance in the past due to pre-existing conditions before the ACA was enacted
- Despite the success of the ACA, access barriers remain, such as restrictive formularies where many medications are placed in the highest cost tier or off formulary altogether
- I Am Essential provides unified voice for patient community to come together on shared access barrier



Navigating the ACA: The Florida Experience

- Epilepsy Foundation of Florida has been a navigator site since 2014
- Serves approx., 10,000 people annually with in person marketplace enrollment assistance
- Serve predominantly minority populations consisting of Hispanics, Black African Americans and Haitians.
- Age groups vary from 26 to 65 years of age with the majority of consumers served falling between the ages of 42 and 58.



ACA Marketplace Challenges

What Are Some of the Challenges When Navigating the ACA Marketplace?

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