# 2024 Arthritis Foundation Advocacy Priorities



2024 will see the continuation of the 118th Congress and federal and state elections.

Our Advocates will have opportunities to use the power of their stories to make an impact and we will continue to pursue bold policy priorities all year long

## **State Advocacy**

We will work in states to improve access to care for people living with arthritis by:

- Easing barriers to care through continued progress on prior authorization and step therapy and reform.
- Addressing patients' out-of-pocket costs through co-pay assistance protection and co-pay caps.
- Ensuring access to biomarker testing to hep patients identify the best treatment path for them.

## **Federal Advocacy**

We will work with the 118th Congress to improve access to care for people living with arthritis by:

- Building support for step therapy reform, prior authorization reform, and copay assistance protections to be included in any major health care package.
- Urging recognition of arthritis as an urgent public health priority and supporting robust funding for federal arthritis research and programs.

#### **Grassroots Advocacy**

Our Advocates will fuel efforts through the power of their stories. We will provide new opportunities to take action and advocate in 2024 by:

- Building upon newly launched grassroots programming.
- Growing our text message advocacy list, with a goal of 15,000 subscribers by the end of the year.
- Launching social media and press media training opportunities for Advocates.
- Strategically recruiting and engaging Advocates in key states and districts.
- Enhancing the digital advocate experience by integrating advocacy web channels.

#### Ideal Model of Care

We will build upon the launch of Ideal Model of Care by:

- Partnering with health systems on solutions to improve the patient care experience.
- Developing resources Advocates can use to advocate for their Ideal Model of Care.
- Identifying ways to streamline care across the entire patient journey, from diagnosis to continuity of care.





