



The National Coalition on Care Coordination (N3C)

Purpose:

The purpose of the N3C is to build consensus among stakeholder organizations and to advocate for enactment of public policies which support care coordination effectively linking health and long term care on behalf of vulnerable populations - with particular focus on older adults. The coalition encompasses member organizations with varied approaches to care coordination. Leaving room for this variation, the coalition holds certain core elements of care coordination in common.

The coalition believes that care coordination should:

- be patient centered;
- be supportive of family and informal caregivers
- be accessible
- take an interdisciplinary approach;
- focus on chronic care and health care transitions;
- bridge health and social services;
- employ a comprehensive assessment; and
- implement and monitor a flexible care plan.

History:

Since 1999, The New York Academy of Medicine's Social Work Leadership Institute has worked to improve the capacity of the social work profession to meet the needs of growing numbers of older adults. With generous support of The Atlantic Philanthropies, SWLI began its public policy initiative in 2005 with a interdisciplinary consensus building meeting and from that initial meeting established the goal for public policy work: to ensure that older adults have access to care coordination services offered by skilled professionals. As part of this work, SWLI convened a meeting of stakeholder organizations in March 2008 to discuss and explore consensus among the diverse approaches to care coordination. The National Care Coordination Coalition (N3C) was established at this meeting.

Activities:

N3C currently has three work groups which meet regularly. The focus of the work groups is as follows:

Outcomes Analysis - This workgroup is compiling research on care coordination models across the country to summarize what is known about care coordination.

Message to the New Administration - This workgroup is refining N3C's message in order to communicate more effectively with policy makers in the new Administration and in Congress.

Payment- This workgroup is producing an analysis of options for paying for care coordination.

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Membership:

N3C member organizations each represent an interest in care coordination or integrated care. Members represent stakeholders such as physicians, family caregivers, social workers, regulators, nurses, funders and researchers. All member organizations are engaged in policy services to older adults and their caregivers and have an interest in improving public policies related to care coordination.

Steering Committee:

Alzheimer's Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Society on Aging
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Consumer Coalition for Quality Health Care
Matz, Blancato & Associates
New York Academy of Medicine
Partners in Care Foundation

Members:

AARP
American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging
American College of Physicians
American Medical Association
The Atlantic Philanthropies
Case Management Society of America
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Center for Health Care Strategies
Center for Medicare Advocacy
Children's Hospital Boston
Connecticut Community Care
Family Caregiver Alliance
George Mason University
Gerontological Society of America
Hudson Health Plan
The John A. Hartford Foundation
National Academy of Certified Care Managers
National Alliance for Caregiving
National Association of Geriatric Care Managers
National Association of Social Workers
National Council on Aging
National Institutes of Health
National Transitions of Care Coalition
Society of Hospital Medicine
University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing
Urban Institute
U.S. Administration on Aging

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