

MEMBERSHIP

DCHR is a statewide, cross-disability coalition whose members are disability-related organizations, self-advocates and family member advocates.

Organizations or individuals whose mission is not disability specific but who share similar health care goals can be partners but will not be voting members of the DCHR.

**Join Today
Take Action! See Change!**

If you are interested in becoming a member or partner with DCHR:

1. Sign the statement of principles form.
2. Detach the form and return it to:

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Disability Coalition on Healthcare Reform

Building a Movement for Access and Choice

**The Disability Coalition
for Healthcare Reform
was created to proactively
improve & assure access
to quality health care for
Missourians with
disabilities.**



WHAT IS DCHR?

The Disability Coalition on Healthcare Reform is comprised of individual advocates and disability organizations who share a common mission to:

Proactively improve and assure access to quality health care for Missourians with disabilities.

Access to comprehensive healthcare is crucial to the independence, dignity, and equality of all people including people with disabilities.

Through the power of a unified, sustained coalition, the disability community will impact health care and long term care by:

- Educating advocates and the community about healthcare issues
- Strengthening advocacy networks
- Tracking legislation
- Impacting policy decisions
- Developing policy recommendations

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Statement of Principles

1. Access to comprehensive healthcare is crucial to the independence, dignity, and equality of all people including people with disabilities.
2. Accessible health care is affordable, located in the individual's community, free of physical and communication barriers, and provided in a timely manner.
3. People with disabilities must be participants in shaping the policies and developing the healthcare and long-term care systems that impact their lives.
4. Every individual and family facing decisions about health care, long term care, community services and supports must be fully informed of all options and make their own decisions.
5. Healthcare and long term care systems should both create opportunities and remove barriers to allow full participation in education, employment, and all aspects of community life. Our communities benefit from the inclusion of every individual.
6. People with disabilities must have access to a wide range of comprehensive, affordable services to meet their individual health care needs including, but not limited to necessary preventive care, mental health care, specialty care, medications, durable medical equipment, supplies, in-home services and long-term care.
7. The presence of a disability should not impede access to all medically necessary services.
8. There should be on-going monitoring and evaluation of the health care system. This should include quality of life outcomes.
9. The Disability community can build power through a unified, sustained coalition.
10. A unified and sustained coalition can have a powerful impact on health care and long term care systems.
11. People with disabilities are not passive recipients but are and should be active participants and decision-makers at all levels of the coalition.

As a member/partner of the Disability Coalition on Healthcare Reform, I/our organization agree to and will advocate for these principles.

Name of Individual or Organization (Print)

Signature

Date

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