

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota

The 2022 Legislative Session began on January 31. In such unprecedented times, which have brought a renewed focus on community and personal health, we're reminded of the power we have in sharing our personal stories. As you meet with legislators, please share your epilepsy journey and ask for their support on these legislative items.

1. Seizure Detection Devices Covered by Medicaid

This year, our primary priority is to increase access to seizure detection and alert devices for individuals with epilepsy who use Medical Assistance (Minnesota Medicaid). We are the leading organization on this bill. Seizure detection devices can be an important tool in epilepsy care for those living with convulsive seizures to reduce the risk of Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP). Seizure detection devices have also been found to improve quality of life, and increase independence in certain situations. With this priority, we're committing to expanding access to seizure therapies in Minnesota.

Share this link with your legislator so they can learn more: <https://bit.ly/3sUN3uL>

2. Rare Disease Access to Care (Senate File 464, Draheim | House File 626, Reyer)

A major priority this year is working with our partners at Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare to improve access to care for individuals with rare diseases. We know that on average a person sees eight providers before they're diagnosed with a rare disease and face year-long waits to receive proper care. This legislation works to reduce barriers and streamline the processes, improving the flexibility of health plans to allow individuals to see the specialists they need for diagnosis and treatment.

3. Copay Reform (Senate File 365, Nelson | House File 633, Bierman)

We're joining other foundations and supporting legislation to decrease the impact of high deductibles for patients with expensive prescription drugs. The goal is to help people better plan for and manage the cost of medical care throughout the year.

