



Pediatric Advisory Council Charter

Mission:

To develop and recommend to the Public Policy Committee positions on key industry regulatory and policy matters pertinent to the evolution of home-based pediatric care in the United States as a distinct specialty within health care.

Role:

The Pediatric Advisory Council (PedAC) monitors and evaluates industry trends and emerging issues with regard to home-based pediatric. The PedAC will develop and inform NAHC policy positions on legislative, legal, regulatory and reimbursement matters that affect this unique patient population and their providers who are NAHC members. The PedAC efforts will be reviewed by the Public Policy Committee, which will include policy recommendations for consideration by the NAHC Board of Directors.

The PedAC members shall also provide policy standards and recommended opportunity for state and federal advocacy efforts where indicated when such advocacy aligns with NAHC policy objectives.

Purpose:

To develop consensus-based policy positions regarding pediatric home care and hospice services based on open and transparent input opportunities from NAHC membership who are invested and motivated to advance pediatric health care at home. In developing consensus-based policy positions, the PedAC shall engage with other NAHC advisory councils, including, but not limited to, the NAHC Advocacy Council, Home Health and Hospice Financial Management Association, Hospice Association of America, and Forum of State Associations.

Membership:

The PedAC shall consist of a Chair from among the Directors and any number of NAHC members with interest and experience in pediatric care as a distinct model of care at home.

Operating Guidelines:

The President of the Association shall appoint a suitably knowledgeable member of the NAHC staff to work with the PedAC Chair to set agendas and generally facilitate the work of the PedAC. All meeting shall be held with either the Chair (or her/his designee) or NAHC staff present.

Every effort will be made to schedule PedAC meetings on a cycle avoiding weeks where other Councils and Committees meet (i.e., Hospice Advisory Council; Advocacy Council; Policy Committee).

Meetings shall be scheduled at a time and manner to ensure the highest reasonable degree of participation by PedAC members. There shall be no required commitment of attendance by NAHC members on the PedAC, though the Chair shall endeavor to be absent for no more than two meetings per year.



The Chair shall also serve as a liaison to the Policy Committee for purposes of soliciting and delivering policy recommendations of the PedAC.