**SNA 2021-2022 Advocacy Highlights**

**December 2022**

**Advocacy Accomplishments:**

The ABLE Age Adjustment Act – [HR 1219/S. 331](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/331?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22s+331%22%5D%7D&s=7&r=1) (Cardenas/Casey) To raise the eligibility age from 26 to 46 for creating ABLE accounts. Passed as part of CAA 23.

* Read the Consortium for Constituents with Disabilities (CCD) (updated) [ABLE Adjustment Act](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CLaurie%20Lindberg%5CDocuments%5CBWL%20Business%5CSNA%5C2022%20SNA%5C%E2%80%A2%09https%3A%5Cwww.c-c-d.org%5Cfichiers%5CABLEAge-FactSheet2-1-2022.pdf) fact sheet.
* Read the CCD [Cost and Benefit piece](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CLaurie%20Lindberg%5CDocuments%5CBWL%20Business%5CSNA%5C2022%20SNA%5C%E2%80%A2%09https%3A%5Cwww.c-c-d.org%5Cfichiers%5CABLE-Age-Cost-Fact-Sheet-Draft.pdf)

Special Needs Trust Improvement Act of 2022 – S.4426/H.R.8625 (Young/Schneider) To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify rules relating to beneficiaries of charitable remainder trusts. This is the SNA drafted/sponsored legislation to allow a charitable organization to be named as a remainder beneficiary of a trust that is established for a person who has a disability or is chronically ill. Passed as part of the CAA 23.

Note, these provisions were included in CAA 23:

* **Money Follows the Person (MFP)** - extended through 2027, this program provides grants to states to fund the transitional services required for Medicaid beneficiaries who wish to leave a nursing home or other institution. In general, Medicaid is required to pay for nursing home care, but not home and community-based care. MFP enables older adults and people with disabilities to live in a community setting.
* **Spousal Impoverishment** - extends through 2027 the provision that applies the spousal impoverishment protections to couples whose spouse lives in a community setting (in addition to the protections for a couple whose spouse lives in a nursing home).

**CCD/SNA Letters:**

Consortium of Constituents with Disabilities (CCD) letter to congressional leaders (Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, Chair Leahy and Vice-Chair Shelby of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger of the House Appropriations Committee urging them to remember the needs of people with disabilities and enact the policies and funding levels outlined in this letter by year’s end (12/2/22).

[CCD Letter to Congress on Year End Appropriations](https://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/CCD-2022-End-of-Year-Letter-Final.pdf)

The undersigned co-chairs of the Consortium of Constituents with Disabilities’ (CCD) Social Security Task Force thank you for the opportunity to comment on the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Cardiovascular Disorders. CCD is the largest coalition of national organizations working together to advocate for Federal public policy that ensures the self determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society free from racism, ableism, sexism, and xenophobia, as well as LGBTQ+ based discrimination and religious intolerance.
(September 30,  2022) - [Download [ PDF ]](https://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/CCD-Social-Security-Co-Chairs-Cardio-NPRM-09-30-22.pdf)

The undersigned members of the Consortium for Constituents with Disabilities (CCD) write in response to your request for information on Disability Policies in the 21st Century: Building Opportunities for Work and Inclusion. CCD is the largest coalition of national organizations working together to advocate for Federal public policy that ensures the self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society free from racism, ableism, sexism, and xenophobia, as well as LGBTQ+ based discrimination and religious intolerance.
(September 26,  2022) - [Download [ PDF ]](https://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/FINAL_CCD-EC-RFI-Response_9-26-22.pdf)

CCD letter supporting affordable housing that ensures the self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration, and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities:

<https://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/FY23-Appropriations-Must-Include-Housing-Investments.pdf>

CCD letter supporting Stop the Wait Act of 2022: <https://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/SSTF-cochairs-Stop-the-Wait-February-2022.pdf>

CCD Letter Opposing Work Requirements as part of the Child Tax Credit Expansion: <http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/CCD-Letter-Opposing-Work-Requirments-to-CTC.pdf>

CCD letter to Hill leadership in support of SSI program improvements: <https://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/CCD-SSI-Letter_10-15-21.pdf>

CCD letter to HHS on their Strategic Plan for FY 2022-2026: <https://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/CCD-HTF-Comments-to-HHS-Strategic-Plan-110521.pdf>

CCD letter responding to the SSA Request for Information on Potential Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income Demonstrations, Docket Number SSA-2021-0025: <https://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/CCD-Comments_RFI-SSI-and-SSDI-Demonstration_11-16-21.pdf>

**LTSS Co-chair Letter Regarding the Build Back Better Act:** <http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/LTSS-reconciliation-text-feedback91621.pdf>

ABLE Age Letter: <http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/ABLE-Age-Letter_9-3-21_FINAL.pdf>

ABLE Age Adjustment Act Fact Sheet: <http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/ABLE-Age-FactSheet_8-31-21.pdf>

CCD Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program Support: [http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/CCD-SSI-Letter\_7-26-21.pdf July26](http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/CCD-SSI-Letter_7-26-21.pdf%20July26)

CCD Long-Term Services and Supports Task Force Letter to Senate and House Leadership in Support of the President’s the Home and Community-Based Services and Direct Care Workforce Proposals: <http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/CCD-Co-Chair-Letter-to-Hill-on-HCBS-400billion.pdf>

Letter of Support to the Sponsors of the Work Without Worry Act: <http://c-c-d.org/fichiers/CCD-Letter-of-Support_5-21-21.pdf>

CCD Social Security Task Force Written Testimony to Senate Finance Committee on Service Delivery at the Social Security Administration (SSA): <http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/CCD-Statement-for-the-Record_5-12-21.pdf>

CCD Letter to CMS Regarding State Use of Pandemic Funds: <http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/ARP-CMS-cochair-Letter-final.pdf>

CCD and DAC Letter of Thanks to Congressional Leadership for the ARC: <http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/March-2021-TY-for-ARP-DAC-CCD.pdf>

CCD Disability Policy Recommendations for the 117th Congress December 2020 - These proposals include **SNA’s proactive legislation** to address a flaw in the Disabled Adult Child (DAC) law (aka Childhood Disability Benefits or CDB). Our provision would eliminate the loss of Medicaid benefits for individuals with disabilities, whose parents die, retire, or become disabled themselves, solely because the individuals began receiving SSDI childhood disability benefits prior to being eligible for SSI benefits. See pages 29-30. <http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/CCD-Transition-Memo-for-117th-Congress.pdf>

Disability Policy Recommendations for the Biden Administration December 2020: <http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/CCD-Transition-Memo-for-the-Administration.pdf>

CCD Social Security Task Force Letter on SSA Operations During Pandemic: <http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/March-2021-Letter-to-Congressional-Committe-Staff.pdf>

SSA Commissioner Saul’s Response to CCD Letter on Continuing Disability Review: <http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/Signed-COSS-Response-Consortium-for-Citizens-with-Disabilities-Ltr-12-29-20.pdf>

CCD Social Security Task Force Letter on <http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/CCD-Letter-on-Minimum-Withholding_12-1-20.pdf>

CCD Social Security Task Force Fact Sheet on UI and SSDI: <http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/CCD-FactSheet-on-UI-and-SSDI_FINAL_7-16-20.pdf>

CCD Social Security Task Force Letter on Waiting Periods: <http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/FINAL_CCD-Letter-re-Waiting-Periods_6-19-20.pdf>

CCD Statement Regarding Payroll Tax Deferral: <http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/cochairs-letter-about-payroll-tax-EO-final.pdf>

CCD Social Security Task Force Second Letter to SSA about COVID: <http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/CCD-covid-letter-to-Commissioner-Saul-June-2020.pdf>

CCD Social Security Task Force Letter to SSA on COVID: <http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/CCD-covid-letter-to-Commissioner-Saul.pdf>

CCD Social Security Task Force Letter to Hill Supporting Supplemental Security Income Restoration Act of 2019: <http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/CCD-HR-4280-S-2753-endorsement-letter-FINAL-021420.pdf>

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