

The National Parkinson's Project

With the recent discovery of a Parkinson's biomarker, we're closer than ever to breakthroughs that could transform lives. Now is the time for the federal government to invest in research that accelerates treatments, reduces the growing financial and societal burden and brings us closer to ending Parkinson's disease, atypical parkinsonisms and related disorders.

In 2024, Congress enacted the *Dr. Emmanuel Bilirakis and Honorable Jennifer Wexton National Plan to End Parkinson's Act (P.L. 118-66)* into law with overwhelming bipartisan support. This new law authorized the development of the **National Parkinson's Project**, the first-ever federal initiative to cure Parkinson's disease.

The Project's whole-of-government approach will:

- + Create and maintain a country-wide strategy to prevent, diagnose, treat and cure Parkinson's disease.
- + Coordinate Parkinson's research and services across federal agencies.
- + Encourage the development of safe and effective treatments and improve early diagnosis of the disease.
- + Review the impact of the disease on the physical, mental and social health of Parkinson's caregivers and families.

We ask Congress to urge HHS and the White House to take the critical step of seating the NPP Advisory Council no later than the end of 2025. In addition, we urge Congress to support the \$5 million in the FY26 Senate LHHS appropriations bill to launch the NPP and support its mission.

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Advisory Council on Parkinson's Research, Care and Services

The new law also created a federal council to advise the Secretary of HHS on Parkinson's-related issues and:

- + Evaluate the implementation and outcomes of the National Parkinson's Project.
- + Provide recommendations to improve efforts to prevent, diagnose, treat and cure Parkinson's disease.
- + Report annually to Congress and provide recommendations to improve health outcomes, limit exposures to environmental risk factors and reduce the financial burden on patients and the federal government.

The Advisory Council will be co-chaired by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) at NIH and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) at HHS. Government coordination, investment and attention capitalizing on the momentum in Parkinson's research will do more than ever to rapidly accelerate research, bring to market a cure for Parkinson's disease and prevent it altogether.

The Parkinson's community looks forward to working with our partners in Congress to advance the goals and recommendations of the National Parkinson's Project and Council.