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This Month in Caregiving



We Stand at a Pivotal Moment for Caregiving

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Caregiving has emerged as a critical political issue, resonating across party lines and capturing the attention of voters and presidential candidates alike. It's never been more pressing or visible. I recently **wrote** about this groundswell in a piece for STAT News.

Yet, challenges persist. Too many caregivers are juggling work and care without access to paid leave, facing skyrocketing out-of-pocket costs, and lacking essential training and support.

That's why I'm thrilled to share that the National Alliance for Caregiving has received a multiyear grant from Pivotal, a Melinda French Gates Company, to supercharge our advocacy efforts to champion the change family caregivers need to thrive.

This funding comes at a crucial time. As we've seen in recent **polling**, an overwhelming majority of voters on both sides of aisle believe supporting caregivers should be a top priority for policymakers.

With the upcoming election, we have a unique opportunity to make caregiving a defining issue. Our enhanced capacity will allow us to provide critical data and insights to shape the national conversation and push for policies that truly support caregivers.

In This Month's Newsletter...

We'll delve into these important topics, including proposed changes to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and the launch of a new collaborative dedicated to supporting cancer caregivers. Keep reading to learn more!

Thank You! Your dedication to this cause is what makes our work possible. Together, we can ensure family caregivers finally get the action they deserve.

Jason

Jason Resendez

President & CEO

National Alliance for Caregiving



Pivotal Investment in NAC

We're excited to announce that NAC has received grant funding from Pivotal, a Melinda French Gates Company. This multiyear investment will bolster our efforts to champion system change in support of family caregivers, with a focus on gender equity and economic opportunity.

Through Pivotal, Melinda French Gates has committed \$2 billion to expand women's power and influence in the United States and around the world. By strengthening our advocacy and data-driven initiatives, we aim to make caregiving more sustainable, equitable, and dignified for American families.

Read [**more**](#) about this major development.



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Cancer Caregiving Collaborative Launches

We recently launched the Cancer Caregiving Collaborative, a new initiative focused on addressing the critical needs of cancer caregivers. By uniting six national cancer organizations and a network of researchers, family caregivers, and industry leaders the Collaborative will champion family caregivers in cancer care.

Two key priorities will guide the Collaborative's work:

- **Healthcare Integration:** Advocating for the inclusion of family caregivers within cancer care teams through optimized reimbursement pathways. This will enhance access to essential training, educational resources, and support services.
- **Financial Health:** Addressing the financial challenges faced by caregivers by promoting equitable financial support services and advocating for supportive economic policies.

Learn more by visiting: www.caregiving.org/cancer-caregiving-collaborative/

It's Time to Champion Family Caregivers in Cancer Care

62%

of cancer caregivers are in high-intensity situations



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Cancer Caregiving COLLABORATIVE

National Alliance for Caregiving & Cancer Support Community. (2016). Cancer Caregiving in the U.S.

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Advocacy Updates

Older Americans Act Moves Forward

The United States Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee's **voted** to reauthorize the Older Americans Act, with key provisions NAC and our partners have been championing through the #ActOnRAISE Campaign, including the extension of the RAISE Act. This is a key step forward in the road to reauthorization the Older Americans Act. Learn more about our priorities in our latest issue **brief**.

CMS Age-Friendly Hospital Measure

Alongside partners like **The John A. Hartford Foundation**, we championed the need for a measure to ensure hospitals prioritize age-friendly care. CMS's recent announcement of the Age-Friendly Measure in its Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems final rule is a major victory for older adults and their families. Learn more **here**.

Transplant Access

Family caregivers are essential to transplant care yet are too often overlooked by healthcare providers and transplant centers. That's why we teamed up with the Global Liver Institute (GLI) to submit public comments to CMS on the design of the Increasing Organ Transplant Access (IOTA) Model. The IOTA

Model aims to increase access to life-saving transplants for patients living with kidney disease and reduce Medicare expenditures.

Read [our comments](#) and learn more about the impact of transplant care on family caregivers in this [STAT News piece](#) featuring our work.

Upcoming Opportunities

Stay tuned for more updates on our ongoing administrative advocacy efforts to enhance the health and economic security of family caregivers. Key developments include:

- Medicare Physician Fee Schedule FY25: We're working to expand access to caregiver training services. [\[learn more\]](#)
- U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) Proposal: New changes may alter how medical debt is reported on credit reports, potentially safeguarding millions of family caregivers from unfair medical debt burdens. [\[learn more\]](#)

We'll keep you updated on these crucial initiatives as they progress.



- **Caregiving is a Winning Issue:** Jason's making the case for care in his latest op-ed piece in [STAT News](#), highlighting its resonance with voters across party lines. He calls on all candidates, regardless of political affiliation, to make care a priority for this year's election, underscoring the urgent need for policies that support and value caregivers.
- **Youth Caregivers Demands Our Attention:** Our groundbreaking data was featured on the [TODAY show](#) spotlighting child caregivers providing care to parents with chronic illnesses. We're pleased to see our data being leveraged in this conversation and extend our gratitude to organizations like American Association of Caregiving Youth, Kasem and Lorenzo's House for providing essential resources to support youth caregivers.
- **Uber Leads the Way in Care Innovation:** According to 'Caregiving in the U.S', 80% of the 53 million unpaid family caregivers assist with transportation. Jason spoke with [The Street](#) about Uber's innovative caregiver service, an idea driven by Uber Health lead engineer Jeremy Hintz, highlighting its potential to tap into an underserved market and the opportunity to incorporate driver training. This service will enable

caregivers to request rides, track trips, and potentially use health insurance for medical appointments. Thank you, Uber, for being an innovative leader and taking the steps to transform the future of care.

- **Calling for Leadership Action:** Reporter Petula Dvorak paints a stark picture of what caregiving looks like for millions in our country, highlighting voices in care like Jason, whose Twitter post was featured in the Washington Post [article](#), emphasizing the need for leaders to address the nation's care crisis."



[Champions In Care Forum: Uplifting Caregivers in Transplant Care](#)

The National Alliance for Caregiving and Global Liver Institute are teaming up to host, Champions in Care Forum: Uplifting Caregivers in Transplant Care webinar on **Tuesday, August 27, 1:00PM – 2:30PM ET**. This forum will include:

- Modernizing the U.S. Transplant System: Insights from CMS and HRSA leadership on ongoing efforts to improve and update our national transplant system.
- Advocating for Transplant Caregivers: A roundtable discussion featuring transplant advocates, family caregivers, and healthcare providers exploring ways to better support and recognize caregivers in transplant care.

Join us to learn how we can elevate the caregiver voice to ensure caregivers are included in transplant reform policies and changes.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

- **Welcome New Team Member:** We're thrilled to welcome Kimberly Cantor to our executive leadership team as **Chief External Affairs Officer**. Her expertise in policy, advocacy and communication will be invaluable as we continue to uplift family caregivers.
- **Caregiving in the Lone Star State:** At this year's Aging in Texas Conference, Jason delivered a keynote address about the power of advocacy to transform care. He touched on the need to drive action on the National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers and to pass policies like paid family and medical leave.
- **Recognizing Transplant Caregivers:** NAC attended this year's Access Initiative workshop and Advocacy Day to advocate for family caregiver support and recognition within transplant care. Thanks to the American

Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy and NMPD for prioritizing caregivers as part of your work.

- **Together in Care Webinar:** We teamed up with PHI to host a webinar exploring the findings in our 'Together in Care' brief on how to empower family caregivers and direct care workers in supporting older adults and people with disabilities. Catch the **replay!**

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