

The Legislative Council plays a critical role in shaping and advancing NABIP's federal legislative and regulatory positions. It champions policies that support continued and improved choice, accessibility, and affordability of healthcare for all Americans.

### Legislative Council Composition

- Chair, Vice Chair, Manager, Immediate Past Chair
- 8 Regional Legislative Chairs & 7 Working Group Chairs
- NABIP Government Affairs Staff

### Legislative Council

- Sets the overarching federal priorities for the Council for the term year
- Actively engages in the monthly 1-hour meetings on the first Tuesday of each month
- Attends key NABIP events, including the Capitol Conference, Annual Convention, and regional/state events
- Represents NABIP in the media and with relative lawmakers, when requested

### Working Groups

#### Working Group Chairs:

- Set annual goals for the group, with the group's feedback
- Organize and facilitate monthly 1-hour meetings
- Delegate working group projects and ensure follow-through
- Reporting progress to the Legislative Council throughout the month and at monthly meetings

#### Working Group Members:

- Deliver subject-matter expertise and strategic ideas
- Lead initiatives from start to finish to achieve the group's objectives
- Attend and actively participate in monthly meetings
- Helping develop policy materials and engaging in advocacy efforts

In partnering with NABIP staff, these efforts can include:

- Responding to Federal agency proposed rules via writing comment letters
- Meeting with Members of Congress, including committee members with industry influence
- Meeting with third parties, including think tanks, Congressional commissions, or the media

### Regional Legislative Groups

Regional Legislative Group representation ensures two-way communication between NABIP's national leadership and state/local levels. Chairs and members share developments and trends while relaying federal updates downward.

Regional Legislative Chairs:

- Organize monthly 1-hour meetings with State Legislative Chairs (SLCs) in their region
- Ensure SLCs report legislative developments and trends
- Identify regional priorities and convey them to the Legislative Council
- Share federal updates with SLCs for communication to state chapters

### Member Expectations

All members of the Legislative Council, Working Groups, and Regional/State Legislative Chairs must uphold NABIP's [Speak with One Voice policy](#) when publicly representing NABIP at any level of membership. This includes **public speaking engagements, chapter meetings, and meetings with lawmakers and the media.**

All members of the Legislative Council, Working Groups, and Regional/State Legislative Chairs are expected to **establish relationships with their federal and state legislators' offices** to advocate for NABIP members and the positive role members play within communities. Members must [log these meetings](#) with NABIP's Government Affairs staff to unify advocacy efforts.