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April Update: 2022 NBTS Policy Agenda + A Win on Telehealth

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Head to the Hill is Coming Up: What You Need to Know



Almost 500 advocates signed up to join us at this year's virtual Head to the Hill on May 2-3, building on our last two years of virtual advocacy. While we hope to return to a fully in-person event as soon as possible, we know that this year's event will be another great chance to urge Congress to support increased research funding and other important policy changes.

If you plan to join us for Head to the Hill:

- **Our online training through Litmos will launch tomorrow.** If you don't receive an email on how to log in by the end of the week, check your spam folder and reach out to us at advocacy@braintumor.org so we can help you.
- **Your t-shirt should arrive by Monday, May 2,** as long as you registered before the April 8 deadline. While we can't guarantee that t-

shirts will arrive on time because of national shipping delays, we have worked closely with our vendor to make sure as many of them arrive on time as possible. If you registered late or specified that you did not want a t-shirt, you will not receive one for this year's event.

- **Our mandatory live training will be on Monday, May 2, 12 - 3 pm EDT.** Please mark your calendar and remember to join us.

If you are not joining us for Head to the Hill, we will have an online action alert that you can use to ask Congress to support the asks your fellow advocates will share in their meetings that day. We had over 2,800 emails go to members of Congress last year during our day of action, and we hope to have a similar outpouring of support this year.

Action Alert: Share the 2022 NBTS Policy Agenda



National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS) published its [annual policy agenda](#) in March. The agenda lays out the organization's vision for what policymakers need to do to support the brain tumor community. The top priorities for this year include:

- [Bolster Research Funding and Treatment Development](#)
- [Reduce Health Disparities and Improving Affordability and Accessibility of Care](#)
- [Foster Innovation in Brain Tumor Research, Drug Development, and Access to Promising Treatments](#)
- [Increase Awareness of the Urgent Unmet Needs of the Community](#)

We invite you to read this year's agenda and [share it with your members of Congress](#). Together, our collective voices and actions are a powerful force to help conquer and cure brain tumors — once and for all.

TAKE ACTION

Legislative Update: Good News on Telehealth



Telehealth was a major priority for NBTS during Head to the Hill and Brain Tumor Awareness Month last year. In March, Congress passed, and President Biden signed a bill that included an extension for access to telehealth services for another five months after the COVID-19 public health emergency declaration expires.

NBTS applauds Congress for ensuring patients can continue to take advantage of telehealth services beyond the end of the state of emergency. While this is a good first step, we hope that legislators will continue to press for a comprehensive bill such as the Telehealth Modernization Act that will permanently expand telehealth services for brain tumor patients and others across the country.

National Brain Tumor Society unrelentingly invests in, mobilizes, and unites our community to discover a cure, deliver effective treatments, and advocate for patients and care partners. Our vision is to conquer and cure brain tumors - once and for all.

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