



ARx 2021 Priorities

✚ Covid 19 Campaign Moving Forward with Patient Centered Bio Alliance (ARx/Rx in Reach)

- As patient advocates, the Covid 19 epidemic presents an historic opportunity for our voices to be heard in the biopharma industry. Biopharma will produce many categories of vaccines to address all Americans from children to seniors to those who are immunologically suppressed. Patient Advocates will play a critical role in encouraging everyone to get vaccinated. We can dispel vaccination myths, alleviate fears and render accurate information to ensure the vaccines' safety, efficacy and affordability. But this will only happen if we partner with Biopharma so our voices will be heard. Through this partnership we can share our concerns and work together for legislative and community solutions toward the development, distribution and affordable access to the chronically ill community of Covid Vaccines.
- **Rx in Reach GA Capitol Day:** Covid 19 Digital Advocacy Campaign, January 13, 2021, 10Am-Noon; Digital Advocacy Tool Kit that created Twitter and Facebook engagements and emails to GA legislators.

✚ Health Policy Administrative Actions under the Biden Administration and ARx priorities

- *Drug Pricing Inflation Caps
- *ACA/Private insurers/Medicare
- *Medicaid Expansion
- *Immigration
- Women's Health
- Mental Health: (In Georgia, by enforcing standards that provide for equitable coverage of mental health and substance use treatment services by public and private health plans.)
- Public Health, (In Georgia, by providing Georgia's Department of Public Health with sufficient funds, resources, and support to carry out its mission.)

✚ Citizen's Arrest GA Reform (GCSC)

- Change GA Statute on Citizen's Arrest (O.C.G.A. § 17-4-60) by continuing to work with Rep. Chuck Efration and Judicial committees.
- Develop a Digital Campaign to promote new legislation and expand the GCSC coalition.

✚ Expanding Affordable Access to Prescription Drugs, Treatments and Vaccines (ARx/RxinReach)

- Change GA Statute to reflect new CDC lower lead levels for Georgia in schools and public buildings.
 - Partner with GA State (Rep. Jasmin Clark) to study the need to enforce lower lead levels in GA. (CDC has study data).
- HIV Modernization Bill

- Close Georgia's coverage gap and extending health insurance to all low-income Georgians

Health Equity

In addition to overall health outcomes and indicators that consistently place Georgia in the bottom tier nationally, our state has considerable health disparities between communities. Racial and ethnic minority communities, rural and low-income urban communities, and those with disabilities and chronic mental illness, all experience worse health and worse opportunities for health than their peers.

- Motivate state leaders to examine the racial equity implications of state budget and legislative proposals.
- ARxC continues to expand Rx in Reach Coalition to include more underserved grass roots organizations that are neglected and negatively impacted by our current policies and practices and support advancing clinical trials, treatment access, funding and other opportunities that improves the health for all Georgians.