

Government Relations Workgroup (GRW)



Shaping state and federal policy through education, advocacy, and collaboration.

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Mission: The GRW implements policy positions, outlined by the Commission on Advocacy Policy (CAP), promotes consumer access to affordable quality dental care, and educates and advocates for legislative and regulatory conditions supporting the dental benefits industry. The Workgroup participates in federal and state advocacy efforts as coordinated by the Commission.

Workgroup Structure

The Government Relations Workgroup (GRW) consists of two key components: a focused working group and a comprehensive report out.

Working Group

- Analyzes legislation, identifies advocacy priorities, coordinates advocacy efforts, engages advocates
- Limited to up to three (3) participants per company
- Substitutes allowed, but no more than three participants per call per company
- 80% participation requirement per company
- All members of the working group will automatically be included in the report out

Report Out

- Provides updates on NADP's government relations activities and advocacy
- Open to any interested volunteer from an NADP member company
- No participation limit or standard applied
- Opportunity to raise new bills, topics, or agenda items for future meetings

Call Schedule

Beginning November 2025, GRW will hold conference calls twice a month with alternating schedule of one working group meeting followed by one report out meeting. Meetings will be held on Thursdays from 10-11:30 am Central every other week, with additional calls as needed. Agendas will be forwarded prior to the call via DI with as much notice as possible.

FAQS

What constitutes participation to meet the 80% requirement? Participation includes attending conference calls and in-person meetings, sharing information via DI or email with NADP staff, and contributing to assigned projects.

Why is participation limited in the GRW working group? Participation is being limited to foster collaboration, encourage broader engagement, and ensure that the group's objectives are being actively pursued and achieved.

Who should participate in the GRW working group from my company? While any combination of individuals may join, companies may want to consider representation from the following key areas: Government Relations, Compliance, and Product.

How do I sign up to participate in the GRW working group or report out? Volunteers are asked to complete the official NADP workgroup sign-up application each year to ensure accurate records and active participation. If your organization has experienced staffing changes or you'd like to add a new volunteer to a workgroup, please contact an NADP staff member for assistance.

Where can I find additional information on the GRW workgroup structure, participation requirements, and expectations? The Government Relations Volunteer Guide outlines responsibilities, procedures, and expectations. Please review it in full and reach out to NADP staff with any questions.

Are there leadership opportunities within the GRW workgroups? Yes, the GRW is led by a leadership committee that meets monthly to identify priorities, review legislation, and set agendas. The committee includes active GR volunteers involved in state and/or federal advocacy, passionate about aiding NADP in achieving its mission.

What if bills or regulations cannot be fully discussed during the GRW workgroup call or require additional expertise? Ad hoc volunteer subgroups may be formed throughout the year to address specific issues, with NADP staff coordinating and issuing calls for participation via DI. All GRW members are welcome to join, ensuring broad expertise and timely reporting back to the working group.

What resources are available to GRW volunteers? GRW volunteers have access to many members only resources including Dental Interact (DI), the Legislative Online Tracking System (LOTS), legislative tracking grids, state law resources, talking points, one pagers, and issue briefs. For more information on how to access these resources, please refer to the Government Relations Volunteer Guide.

For More Information

As you begin or continue your volunteerism with NADP, please take a moment to thoroughly review the Government Relations Volunteer Guide. It contains important information to help you navigate your role effectively and contribute meaningfully to our mission.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out to an NADP staff member.

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Thank you for your invaluable contributions to NADP's government relations efforts. With limited resources, our volunteers play a critical role in driving policy direction, lobbying, conducting research, and reporting on behalf of the dental plan industry. Your dedication strengthens our advocacy and ensures our collective voice is heard.