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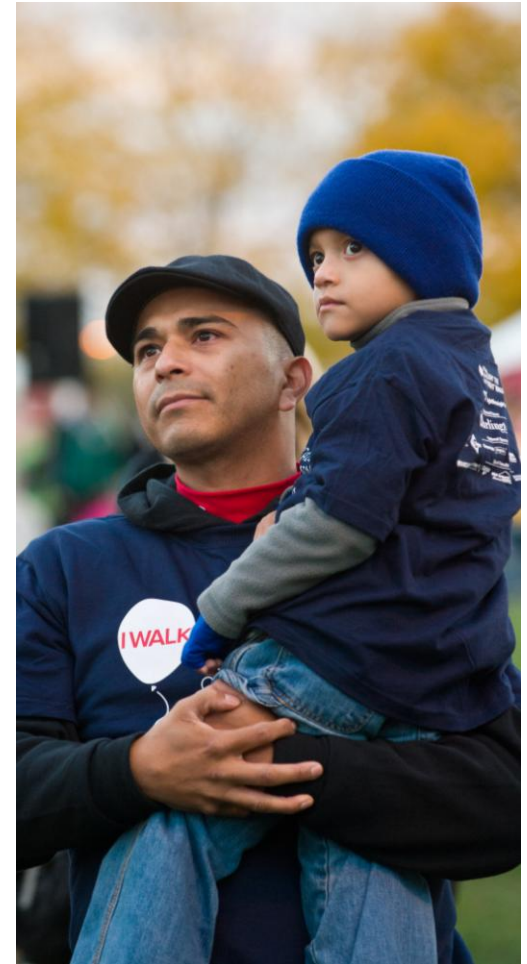
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) exists to find cures and ensure access to treatments for blood cancer patients.

LLS is the voice for all blood cancer patients.

We fund research to advance more breakthrough therapies.

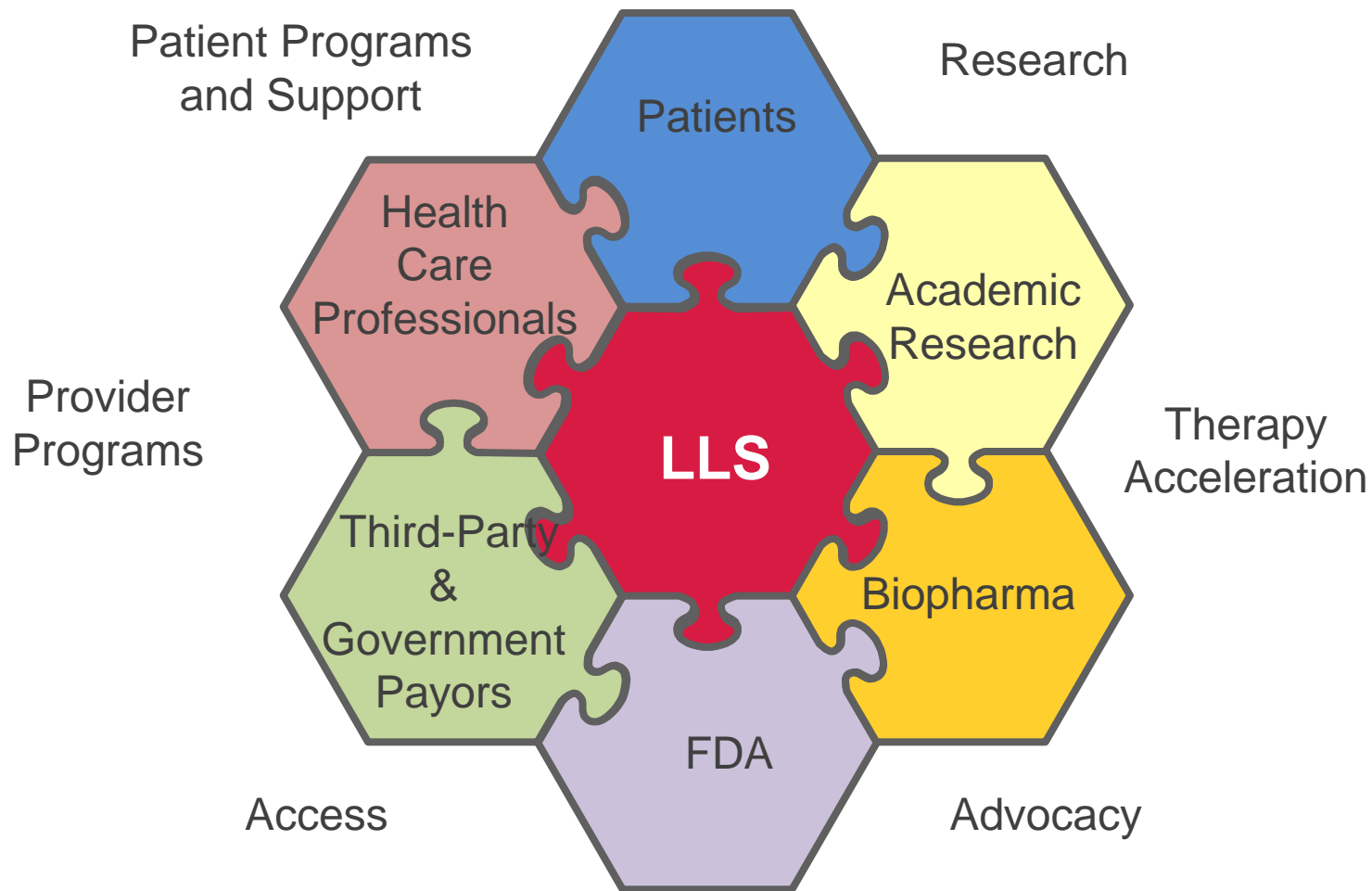
We advocate for blood cancer survivors and their families, helping patients navigate their cancer treatments and ensuring they have access to quality, affordable and coordinated care.



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Why Invest in State Government Affairs?



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2015 State Government Affairs Key Issues

Benefit Design - Lead

**Oral Parity
Out of Pocket Caps (Specialty Tiers)**

ACA Implementation – Lead

**Transparency
Network Adequacy
Anti-Discrimination**

Coverage Issues – Lead

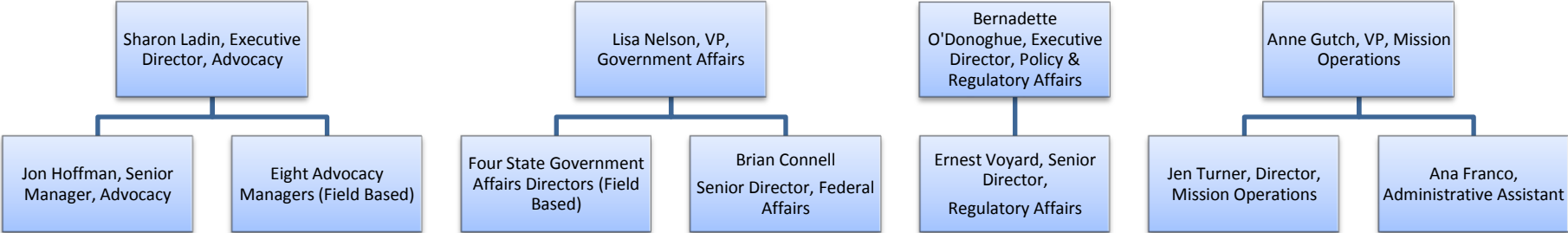
Right to Treatment

Utilization Management - Support

**Prior Authorization
Step Therapy**

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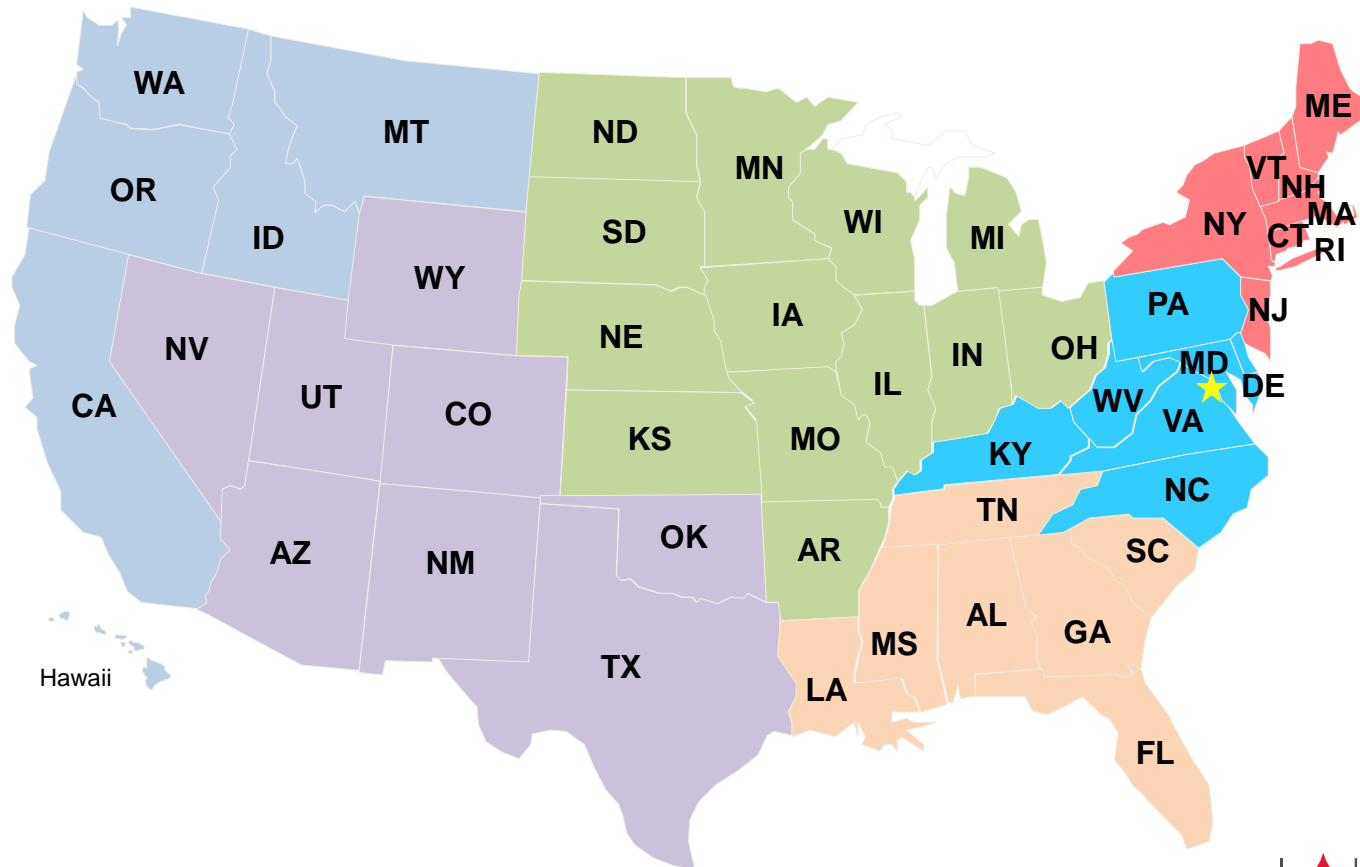
Office of Public Policy



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LLS Patient Government Affairs and Advocacy National Coverage

LLS Government and Advocacy is divided into six regions, most of which include both a Government Affairs Director and one or more Advocacy Managers. Our agenda is driven by policy direction from our Washington DC Office of Public Policy.



* Region Mission Director

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Government Affairs & Advocacy Roles

- The LLS Government Affairs & Advocacy team partners with our 53 local chapters to tap into our most powerful resource: patient advocates.
- Government Affairs & Advocacy Team members each cover regional territories and fuel our efforts through direct lobbying and advocate mobilization.

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LLS Wins in the States

LLS had some key regulatory and legislative wins on patient access issues during 2014 state legislative sessions.

Highlights:

- Governor Brown signed a transparency bill into law in California this September which requires not only direct links to formularies but also requires the development of a standard template by which carriers must publish drug coverage information, including cost sharing information.
- Maryland and Louisiana joined a handful of other states to provide per prescription per month co-pay caps on specialty drugs.
- New network adequacy regulations in Washington State set strict adequacy standards and helped lead the way for national action on adequacy.

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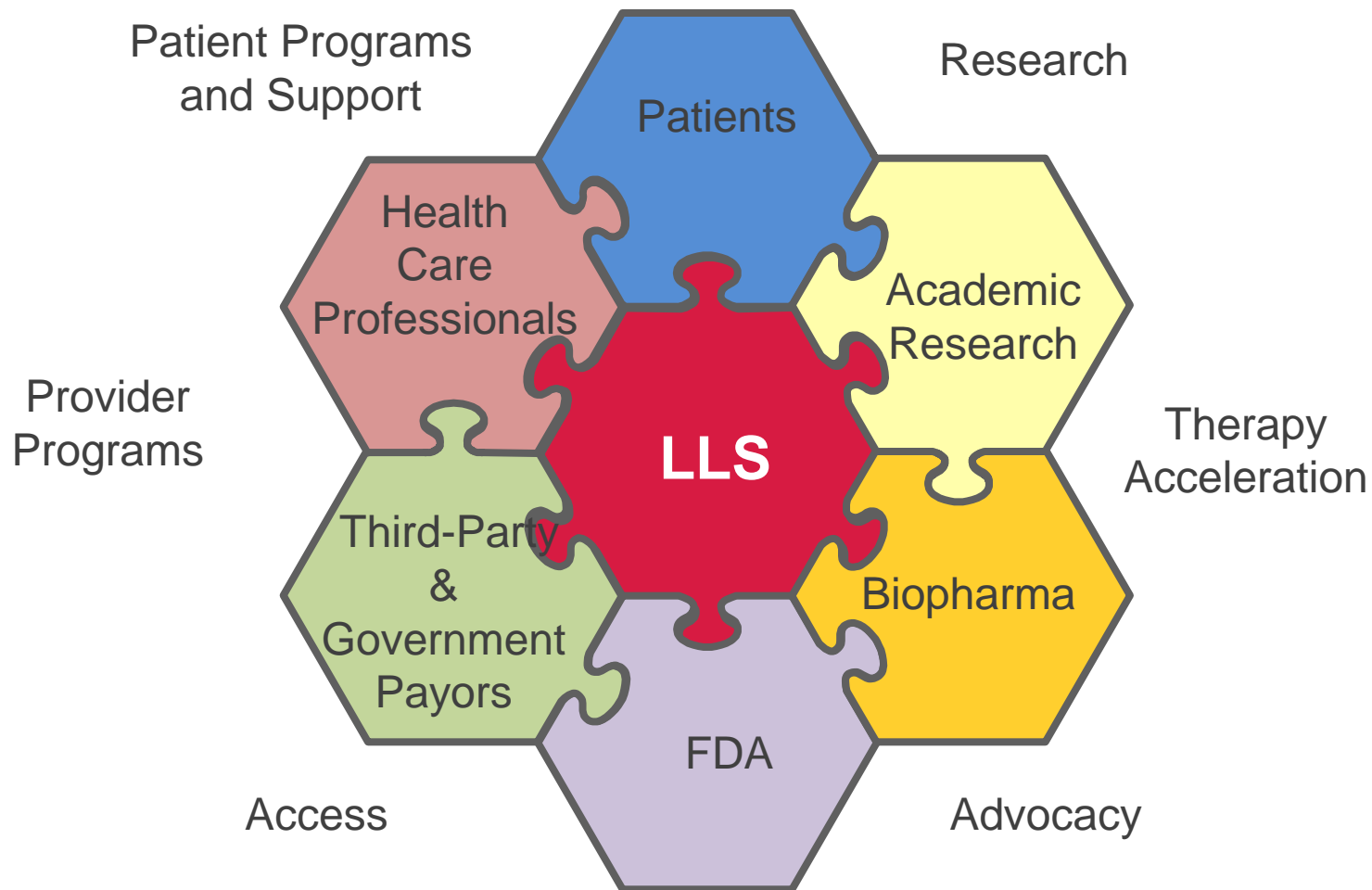
Coalition Leadership on State Issues

LLS co-leads two state focused coalitions that have important roles to play in the national coordination on state issues amongst VHAs:

- **NHC State Working Group**
 - Founded by the NHC in Fall 2014, Co-Chaired by LLS & Arthritis Foundation.
 - Focused on ACA implementation at the state level including transparency & anti-discrimination.
- **State Access to Innovative Medicines (SAIM) Coalition:**
 - Founded in June 2014 by LLS & Co-chaired by Arthritis Foundation.
 - Includes patient, provider and industry partners
 - Focused on legislation to limit patient out of pocket costs and limit utilization management practices that could harm patients.

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