



HHS DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2022

Comments submitted by the Vestibular Disorders Association (VeDA)

We applaud HHS for striving to improve healthcare for all Americans. Patients with chronic conditions, such as vestibular disorders, often suffer disproportionately because a) they rely more and more often on the healthcare system, and b) many diagnostic tests and treatment options are not covered by their insurance. We urge HHS to recognize the special needs of patients with chronic conditions by specifically naming them in your Strategic Plan. Here are some areas where we see the opportunity to do this.

Lines 127, 284, 303, 306, 314, 347, 375, 384, 386, 388, 392, 399, 423, 439, 488, 518, 520, 557, 601, 615, 620, 624, 1334, 1443.

Areas of opportunity to strengthen patient centered care for chronic and vestibular patients include:

- Physician and medical professional training for timely and consistent diagnosis and treatment;
- Access to cutting edge diagnostics and medical care;
- Insurance coverage.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

VESTIBULAR DISORDERS ASSOCIATION