Disability, Aging, and Higher Weight Communities
COVID-19 Advocacy Toolkit

Short Link to Toolkit: https://tinyurl.com/COVIDAdvocacyToolkit

Vaccination Allocation Advocacy

Sample public comment here

Email for sending comment to California Community Vaccine Advisory Committee: COVID19VaccineOutreach@cdph.ca.gov

Directories for finding contacts for sending comment to local vaccine committee or public health agency: CDPH, California Conference of Local Health Officers; National Association of County and City Health Officials, California

CDPH, Vaccine Doses Shipped, Administered

CA Community Vaccine Advisory Committee

California guidance on allocation for phase 1A

#NoBodyIsDisposable Community Survey

CFILC COVID-19 Disability Community Vaccine Survey

California COVID Hotline: 1-833-422-4255

Crisis Standards of Care Advocacy

Know Your Rights:

US HHS

Center for Public Representation Resources

CDPH Guidelines (June 2020) and Advocates’ Summary

CDPH Implementation Guidance (Dec. 28, 2020) -- requires all acute care hospitals to post their crisis care guidelines by January 6, 2021
Kaiser Permanente’s Crisis Standards of Care

Sample social media posts

Seek Legal Help:

Disability Rights California
Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund
Independent Living Resource Center of San Francisco
California Foundation for Independent Living Centers
Senior and Disability Action

LA County EMS Policy Concerns

CDPH Licensing Complaint -- note: we do not yet know how effective this will be for problems with crisis standards of care, but sharing here

Check back for additional resources for legal help …

Volunteer Opportunities:

#NoBodyIsDisposable Call for Policy Review Volunteers

Visitation Advocacy

Know Your Rights (KYR)

US HHS Resolution -- Connecticut
CDPH Guidance
DRC and DREDF KYR
DRC and DREDF Guidance for Health Care Facilities

Sample Advocacy Email from Supporter
Complaints:

California Department of Fair Employment and Housing: https://www.dfeh.ca.gov/complaintprocess

For Medi-Cal patients, California Department of Health Care Services, Office of Civil Rights: https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/discrimination-grievance-procedures

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office for Civil Rights: https://www.hhs.gov/ocr/complaints

Sample Social Media Posts

● Hey [hospital], what are your crisis care plans? We have reason to worry about seniors, disabled people, Black/brown/all people of color, and higher weight people not getting COVID treatment. We need to know! #DontRationOurCare

● COVID infections are on the rise and hospital protocols turn away visitors. Check out this Know Your Rights guide to learn how to help advocate for yourself: https://tinyurl.com/ya5up4pt #NoBodyIsDisposable #DontRationOurCare

● As the pandemic continues, we are still seeing instances of discriminatory care rationing happening in health facilities. It has to stop. #EndAgeism #EndAbleism #DontRationOurCare #NoBodyisDisposable

● Michael Hickson, a 46-year-old father of 5, died because of care rationing; he was deemed to have "no quality of life" because he was quadriplegic. His death was a tragedy, and we must prevent others like it. https://tinyurl.com/y3vs2r4h #NoBodyisDisposable #DontRationOurCare

● The lives of older people and disabled people are just as valuable as anyone else’s. Don’t let your local hospital put a crisis care plan in place that says any different. #NoBodyIsDisposable #DontRationOurCare

Tag your local hospital and/or county health department.
Hashtags to use:

#DontRationMyCare
#NoBodyIsDisposable
#PostYourPolicy