

## **SUMMARY OF THE NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S PROJECT ACT (NAPA)**

On January 4, 2011, President Barack Obama signed into law the National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA), requiring the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish the National Alzheimer's Project to:

- Create and maintain an integrated national plan to overcome Alzheimer's disease.
- Coordinate Alzheimer's disease research and services across all federal agencies. Accelerate the development of treatments that would prevent, halt, or reverse the course of Alzheimer's disease.
- Improve early diagnosis and coordination of care and treatment of Alzheimer's disease.
- Improve outcomes for ethnic and racial minority populations that are at higher risk for Alzheimer's disease.
- Coordinate with international bodies to fight Alzheimer's globally.

The law also establishes the Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services and requires the Secretary of HHS, in collaboration with the Advisory Council, to create and maintain a national plan to overcome Alzheimer's disease (AD).[Show citation box](#)

On February 22, 2012, HHS released a draft National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease. The draft National Plan has five goals:

1. Prevent and Effectively Treat Alzheimer's Disease by 2025.
2. Optimize Care Quality and Efficiency.
3. Expand Supports for People with Alzheimer's Disease and Their Families.
4. Enhance Public Awareness and Engagement.
5. Track Progress and Drive Improvement.

The draft National Plan includes strategies to achieve each goal and specific actions that HHS or its federal partners will take to drive progress towards achieving the goal.