As part of the Nemours National Office of Policy and Prevention, the Office of Child Health Policy & Advocacy provides thought leadership and advocacy for federal policies that support children’s health, well-being and development. Our team works to catalyze and promote sustainable federal policy changes in the following areas:

**Pediatric Health System Transformation**

- **Pediatric Payment Reform** – The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) should catalyze pediatric value-based payment models in Medicaid.
- **Telehealth/Consumer Digital Health** – CMS should test Medicaid models that address barriers and encourage innovation in pediatric virtual care.
- **Pediatric Precision Medicine and General Pediatric Research** – The Federal government should increase funding for pediatric research and advance pediatric precision medicine.
- **Pediatric Coverage/Medicaid Reform/CHIP** – Congress should prioritize children’s health insurance coverage and support providers by supporting Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- **Health IT** – The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) should ensure timely and appropriate access to information in electronic medical records, develop a nationwide patient matching strategy, and address information and device security.
- **Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)** – CMS should provide guidance on payment models/best practices for NAS. HHS should support research, data collection, and care models to improve outcomes for affected moms and babies.

**Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)**

- **Innovative Payment and Delivery Models Impacting SDOH** – The Federal government should catalyze pediatric models that support states and communities in addressing social determinants.
- **Healthy Eating & Physical Activity in Child Care/Prevention Funding** – Congress should fund the National Early Child Care Collaboratives Program to promote obesity prevention in child care and support prevention funding overall.
- **Early Education and Health** – Congress should prioritize investments in the cross-section between health and education in the early years. This includes physical health and social/emotional development, promotion of trauma-informed care, and addressing adverse childhood experiences.
- **Nutrition and anti-hunger policy** – Congress should maintain strong nutrition standards and promote best practices in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Congress should also support the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

**Strategic Business Interests**

- **Children’s Hospital Issues** – Congress and the Administration should prioritize programs that support children’s hospitals and the patients and families we serve (e.g. the Children’s Hospital Graduate Medical Education Program, addressing the needs of children with medical complexity and mental/behavioral diagnoses, etc.).