

HEALTHCARE POLICY AGENDA

The Brazil Council Healthcare Task Force encourages policies and programs that drive smart investments in health, economic growth, job creation, wellness, increased productivity in Brazil, and strengthening of the commercial ties between Brazil and the U.S.

To that end, the Council proposes the following agenda:



- Furthering discussion of the economic impact caused by certain diseases in Brazil, with regard to:
 - Public healthcare costs;
 - Worker productivity decline;
 - Preventable mortality and morbidity;
 - Economic output; and
 - Family budgets for managing NCDs.



- Supporting initiatives that foster innovation and technology aimed at enhancing:
 - Life expectancy;
 - Quality of life;
 - Diagnostic and treatment options; and
 - Efficiency and cost effectiveness of the healthcare system.



- Promoting cooperation between the U.S. and Brazilian governments and encouraging contributions from the private sector, with respect to:
 - The ANVISA and FDA dialogue;
 - Brazil-U.S. Commercial Dialogue; and
 - The Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. and Brazil on Health and Medical Sciences.



- Supporting efforts by ANVISA to address the bottlenecks through a combination of the following measures:
 - Implementation of increased risk assessment evaluation for low-risk (class I and II) medical devices.
 - Modification of the ANVISA personnel rules allowing relocation and assignment of PAF (ports, airports, borders) staff and resources to critically delayed ports.
 - Implementation of an integrated and dynamic digital electronic system, eliminating all paper documents and allowing remote inspection of port documentation.
 - Increasing emergency PAF funding and staffing to reduce backlog of inspection procedures.

Urging inclusion of ANVISA in the Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation team, likely in one of CAMEX (Brazil Export Board) Working groups.