



The National Parkinson's Plan's Public Input Opportunities: Frequently Asked Questions

The Advisory Council on Parkinson's Research Care, and Services (ACPRCS) within the National Parkinson's Plan (NPP) regularly seeks input from the public. If you are submitting a comment in response to an ACPRCS Request for Information (RFI) or other public comment opportunity, the information below provides specific guidance. For general tips on preparing an effective public comment, see CurePSP's Sharing your Story with Policymakers FAQ.

When can I submit comments to the ACPRCS?

The public may submit general written comments to the ACPRCS at any time. Comments may also be submitted in response to specific RFIs issued by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) related to the NPP. RFIs are released at the discretion of the NIH and do not follow a set schedule. If you would like your general comment to inform an upcoming Council meeting, the NIH requests submitting by a specific deadline prior to the meeting. The [ACPRCS website](#) provides the latest Council information, including RFI announcements and meeting details. CurePSP will also share relevant ACPRCS public input opportunities through our website, email listserv, social media, and other organizational communication channels.

How do I submit a public comment or response to the ACPRCS?

Responses may be submitted through the online form linked in the RFI webpage or by email to nationalPDplan@nih.gov. Each public comment or RFI announcement will include submission instructions, deadlines, and topics or questions for that RFI. Written comments from previous ACPRCS meetings are posted to the Council's website and can be helpful examples when preparing your own submission.

What happens to my comment after I submit it?

Submitted written comments are reviewed by Council support staff, provided to Council members in accordance with the federal advisory committee procedures, and can help inform Council discussions. Submission may also become part of the public record and be posted on the ACPRCS website.

Can I present my comment at an ACPRCS meeting?

ACPRCS meetings do not have an *open* public comment period. However, a limited number of commenters may be invited to present their comments verbally during a meeting. For those interested in this opportunity, indicate "Interested in providing verbal comment" in your written submission and include your name and email so ACPRCS support staff can contact you if a slot is available. Selection for oral comment is managed by NIH staff. CurePSP does not participate in the selection process.

If I submit a comment or response, can I submit comments/responses for future meetings or RFIs?

Yes. You may respond to each new RFI and submit general comments in advance of different Council meetings.