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# **ACCELERATING ADOPTION OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE PHYSICAL STRAIN AMONG FAMILY CAREGIVERS OF THE CHRONICALLY DISABLED ELDERLY LIVING AT HOME**

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In particular, DALTCP addresses policies concerning: nursing home and community-based services, informal caregiving, the integration of acute and long-term care, Medicare post-acute services and home care, managed care for people with disabilities, long-term rehabilitation services, children's disability, and linkages between employment and health policies. These activities are carried out through policy planning, policy and program analysis, regulatory reviews, formulation of legislative proposals, policy research, evaluation and data planning.

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