



# HOUSING PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES

*Individuals with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) need accessible, affordable housing options to achieve independent living and full participation in life—goals set forth in the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). However, a lack of accessible and affordable housing remains a significant barrier to independence and community living for all individuals with disabilities.*

## CURE SMA HOUSING PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES:

Cure SMA is committed to expanding safe, accessible, and affordable housing options for individuals with SMA and their families. SMA community principles and priorities include:



**Increase Funding for Accessible and Affordable Housing:** Individuals with SMA need access to affordable and accessible housing to help live independently in their communities. *Cure SMA will support efforts to increase funding for affordable housing programs, including the Section 811 Project Rental Assistance and the Housing Choice Voucher Program, that could assist individuals with SMA in accessing housing.*



**Prevent Discrimination in Housing:** Individuals with SMA should not be discriminated against in housing and housing-related transactions because of disability. *Cure SMA will support efforts to strengthen the enforcement of nondiscrimination protections aimed at preventing discrimination based on disability in housing programs or housing-related activities and transactions.*



**Promote Full Community Integration and Participation:** Individuals with SMA may need access to housing supports and community services to help them remain in, and thrive in, their communities. *Cure SMA will support efforts to expand and mandate housing supports and community living services for individuals with SMA and other disabilities.*



**Expand Tax Credits to Expand Affordable Housing Options:** Individuals with SMA benefit from increased options for affordable accessible housing. *Cure SMA will support efforts to expand tax credits to help incentivize the construction and rehabilitation of affordable and accessible housing, and to help retrofit existing housing to improve accessibility and functionality for individuals with SMA and other disabilities.*



**Remove Asset Limitations in Program Eligibility:** Strict asset limitations in public programs may restrict the ability of an individuals with a disability to save for a deposit or down payment required for affordable housing. *Cure SMA will support efforts to remove asset building restrictions and expand opportunities for individuals with SMA and other disabilities to save without jeopardizing their healthcare and community supports.*