

The One-Hour Advocate: Raising Our Voices for DM

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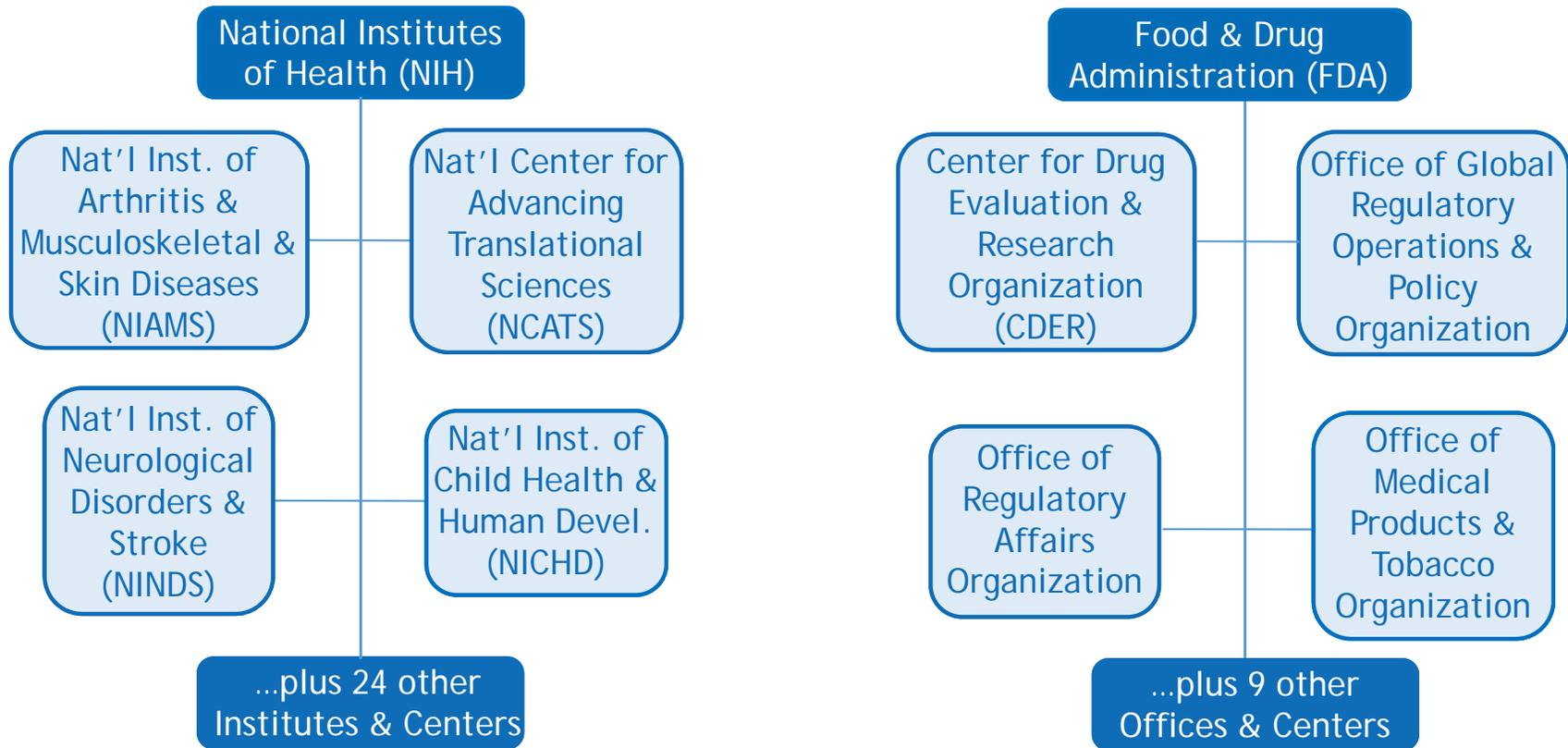


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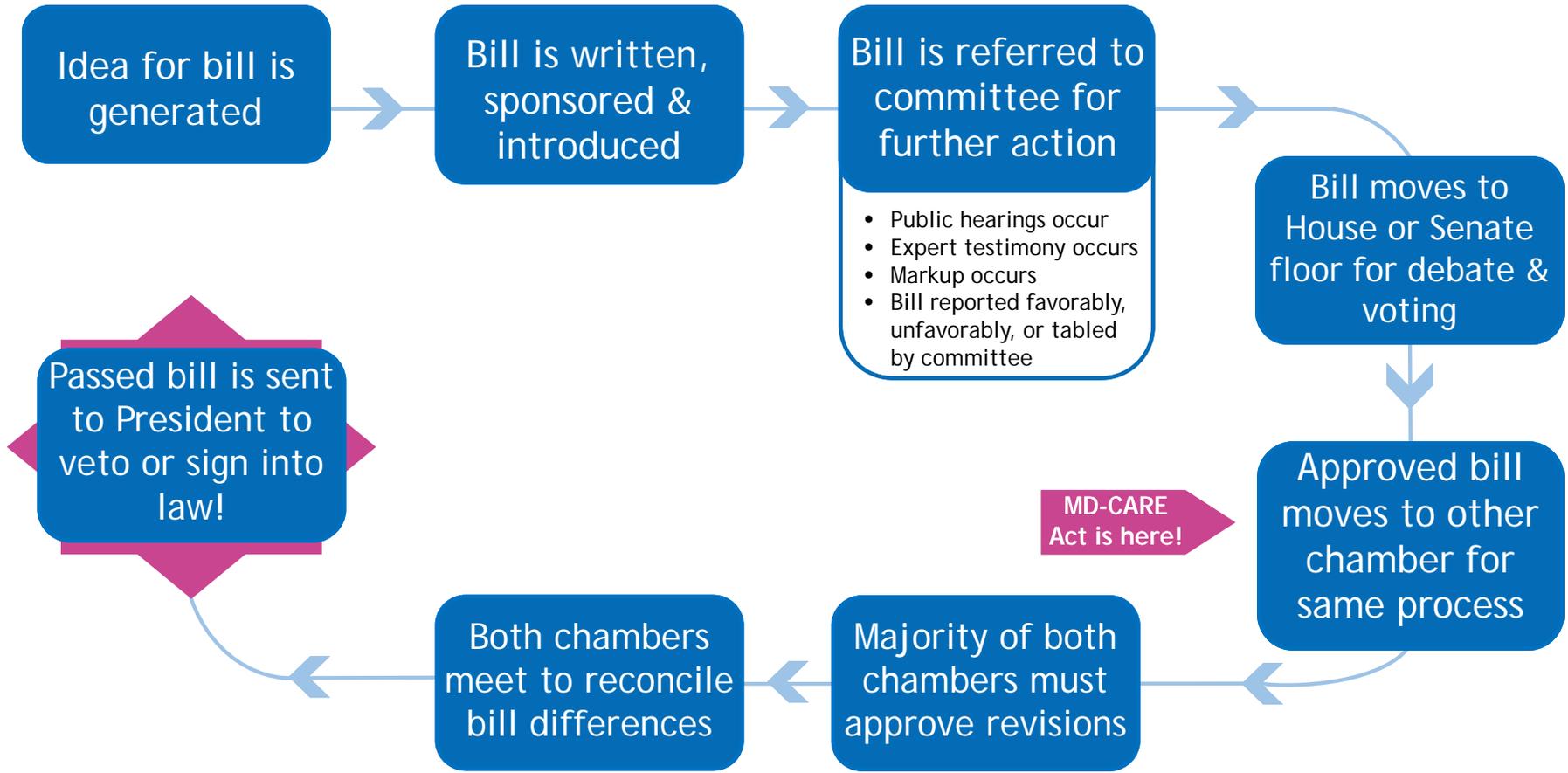
Review of Important Agencies



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The Importance of Follow-Up

- The legislative process is a marathon, not a sprint!
- 10,000 bills are introduced each session; only 200 become law
- 113th Congress ends in December



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The End-Game Strategy: Pass the MD-CARE Act

- Different strategies for House & Senate
 - House has already passed the bill
 - Senate has yet to take action

- Appreciation is powerful! Thank your Rep for passing the bill



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Connecting Our Stories to a Unified Ask

1. State your address so they know you're a constituent
2. Tell your story
3. Make the ask

Your voice sends a strong message: I am a constituent. I vote.
This issue matters to my family and me.



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Following Up: Key Staff in Legislative Offices

- DC vs. District staff
 - Health Legislative Aide (DC)
 - District or State Director (district)
 - Field Representative (district)



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Following Up: Checking in with MDF

- Important to keep MDF staff updated on your efforts!
- Contact Aly Galloway, MDF Community Engagement Manager
 - alyssa.galloway@myotonic.org
 - 415-800-7640
- Fill out the Congressional Feedback Form
 - <http://myotonic.org/congressional-feedback-form>



CONGRESSIONAL FEEDBACK FORM

Complete this form each time you interact with the office of a member of Congress. All questions are mandatory. If you have any questions, please contact Aly Galloway, MDF Community Engagement Manager, at alyssa.galloway@myotonic.org or 415-800-7640.

Date of meeting: *

Office of: *

Senator

Representative

Senator/Representative's name: *

First and last name

Congressional district represented by member of Congress: *

DC, CA, etc. For Senators, please abbreviate the state you live in.



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