actions to achieve health equity for persons with disabilities

Political commitment, leadership, and governance
1. Prioritize health equity for persons with disabilities
2. Establish a human rights-based approach to health
3. Assume a stewardship role for disability inclusion in the health sector
4. Make international cooperation more effective by increasing funding to address health inequities for persons with disabilities
5. Integrate disability inclusion in national health strategies, including preparedness and response plans for health emergencies
6. Set actions that are specific to the health sector in national disability strategies or plans
7. Establish a committee or a focal point in the Ministry of Health for disability inclusion
8. Integrate disability inclusion in the accountability mechanisms of the health sector
9. Create disability networks, partnerships and alliances
10. Ensure the existing mechanisms for social protection support the diverse health needs of persons with disabilities

Health financing
11. Adopt progressive universalism as a core principle, and as a driver of health financing, putting persons with disabilities at the centre
12. Consider health services for specific impairments and health conditions in packages of care for universal health coverage
13. Include into health-care budgets the costs of making facilities and services accessible

Engagement of stakeholders and private sector providers
14. Engage persons with disabilities and their representative organizations in health sector processes
15. Include gender-sensitive actions that target persons with disabilities in the strategies to empower people in their communities
16. Engage the providers of informal support for persons with disabilities
17. Engage persons with disabilities in research and including them in the health research workforce
18. Request that providers in the private sector support the delivery of disability-inclusive health services

Health and care workforce
25. Develop competencies for disability inclusion in the education of all health and care workers
26. Provide training in disability inclusion for all health service providers
27. Ensure the availability of a skilled health and care workforce
28. Include persons with disabilities in the health and care workforce
29. Train all non-medical staff working in the health sector on issues related to accessibility and respectful communication
30. Guarantee free and informed consent for persons with disabilities

Models of care
19. Enable the provision of integrated people-centred care that is accessible and close to where people live

Physical infrastructure
31. Incorporate a universal design-based approach to the development or refurbishment of health facilities and services

Digital technologies for health
33. Adopt a systems-approach to the digital delivery of health services with health equity as a key principle
34. Adopt international standards for accessibility of digital health technologies

Quality of care
35. Integrate the specific needs and priorities of persons with disabilities into existing health safety protocols
36. Ensure disability-inclusive feedback mechanisms for quality of health services
37. Consider the specific needs of persons with disabilities in systems to monitor care pathways

Monitoring and evaluation
38. Create a monitoring and evaluation plan for disability inclusion
39. Integrate indicators for disability inclusion into the monitoring and evaluation frameworks of country health systems

Health policy and systems research
40. Develop a national health policy and systems research agenda on disability

32. Provide appropriate reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities

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