

Good News for Cancer Patients

This good news comes out of Washington, D.C. in the form of pending bipartisan legislation, and your help is needed today to help push these six bills across the finish line. With all that's going on in DC, ***your*** voice is needed to ensure our representatives and senators prioritize the right things.

Here are the six bipartisan bills. Please reach out to your senators and representative, asking them to support, and when opportunities arise, co-sponsor this legislation:

1. **H.R. 2407 Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection (MCED) Screening Coverage Act** ensuring that our seniors can access these tools once they are FDA approved. Please ask the members of your congressional delegation to also support any legislation reducing the time between FDA approvals and Medicare patient availabilities, in general. Also,
2. **H.R. 1826 Prostate-Specific Antigen Screening for High-risk Insured Men (PSA Screening for HIM) Act** waiving cost-sharing requirements for insured men with the highest risk of prostate cancer, focusing on Black men and those with a family history of prostate cancer. Black men are 1.6 times more likely to contract the disease and twice as likely to die from it as Whites, who are second most likely to contract the disease and die from it, respectively. Also,
3. **S.663 Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act** eliminating the waiting periods for disability insurance benefits and Medicare coverage for individuals with metastatic breast cancer, and for other purposes. Also,
4. **H.R. 1199 Facilitating Innovative Nuclear Diagnostics Act** establishing separate payment requirements for diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals under the Medicare prospective payment system for hospital outpatient department services. Also,
5. **H.R. 830 HELP Copays Act** requiring health insurance plans to apply certain payments made by, or on behalf of, a plan enrollee toward a plan's cost-sharing requirements. Also,
6. **S. 652 SAFE STEP ACT** amending ERISA to require that group health plans provide an exception process for any medication step therapy protocol, and

Lastly, a request not related to any pending legislation that I'm aware of: The incidence rates for invasive prostate and female breast cancers are both one in eight, and both are, respectively, the #1 gender-specific cancer killers of men and women, yet CDC prostate cancer funding to the states dramatically trails that of female breast cancer. On a health equity basis, please ask your legislators to initiate/vigorously support actions increasing CDC's male prostate and testicular cancers emphasis to parity with female breast and cervical cancers, while at least maintaining – and hopefully enhancing – the current support levels for breast and cervical cancers.

Thank you.

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