Commission on Cancer Member Organization Steering Committee

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Agenda

CoC Standard 4.2 Oncology Nursing Credentials Update

Erica Fischer-Cartlidge

CoC Advocacy Committee Update

James McLoughlin, MD, FACS, Chair, CoC Advocacy Committee

Leadership Q&A

Daniel Boffa, MD, FACS, Vice Chair, CoC

Updates to Standard 4.2 Oncology Nursing Credentials





Intent & Method

Ensure that nurses caring for oncology patients remain current and up to date in their knowledge and skills, to be able to provide high quality care

- Ongoing continuing education
 - Oncology education credits
 - Oncology certification
- Competency evaluation



Revised Requirements

Confirmation of current cancer-specific certification in the nurse's specialty through an accredited certification program

OR

Completion of 18 Nursing Continuing Professional Development (NCPD) contact hours each accreditation cycle

The required NCPD contact hours must be relevant to oncology nursing care

AND

Completion of oncology nursing competency assessment in the nurse's specialty, administered by the CoC-accredited facility each calendar year



Meeting the Standard

- Policy and procedure must include:
 - A process for identifying oncology nurses required to hold cancer-specific certification or complete cancer-specific continuing education
 - A process for confirming nursing compliance with the policy and procedure
 - An action plan for nurses who do not satisfactorily hold certification or complete continuing education and for those who do not satisfactorily complete the competency assessment
 - A timeline for newly hired or newly onboarded oncology nurses to meet compliance with this policy and procedure, which is no later than one calendar year from the nurse's onboarding to an oncology care position

Review of the facility's oncology nursing policy and procedure and competency assessment program once each accreditation cycle

Advocacy, Cancer Care, Research, and Funding

Commission on Cancer Member Organization Meeting 2025

James McLoughlin, MD, FACS
Chair of the Advocacy Committee, Commission on Cancer

Federal Funding Status for 2025/6

- On September 30th, Congress was unable to pass a funding package to avoid a government shutdown
- On November 12th, the U.S. House did pass a version of a Continuing Resolution (CR) which will fund the government until January 30th, 2026.
 - This CR will maintain the government funding at the FY 2025 levels that were previously enacted
 - ➤ HHS agencies including NIH/NCI, CDC are funded through 1/30/2026
 - Military construction/veterans, agriculture, legislative branch funded for 1 year

Proposed HHS Funding for 2026

Program	FY25	ACS Request	House Version	Senate Version
NIH	\$48.3b	\$51.3b	\$46.9b	\$47.2b
NCI	\$7.22b	\$7.93b	\$7.27b	\$7.37b
ARPA-H	\$1.5b	\$1.5b	\$945m	\$1.5 b
CDC Cancer Prevention		\$492.9m	\$417.5 m	\$410.05m

Cancer Prevention and Control

The House Committee provides \$417,548,000 for CDC Cancer Prevention and Control

- **\$7,499,000** increase from 2024

Maintains funding for Cancer Programs including:

- WISEWOMAN
- Cancer Registries
- Comprehensive Cancer Control
- Cancer Survivorship Resource Center
- Johanna's Law
- Colorectal Cancer
- Breast Cancer Awareness for young women
- Ovarian Cancer
- Prostate Cancer

Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening

- The House Committee Provides \$240,999,000 for Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening
 \$7,499,000 increase from 2024
- Includes \$154,817,000 in new budget authority
- Includes \$86,182,000 in funding transferred from Prevention and Public Health Fund (part of ACA)
- Specifically encourages the identification of new and innovative outreach and education strategies to increase screening rates

Colon Cancer

New Introduction - The Colorectal Cancer Fairness Act

The "Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act" was signed into law during the Biden administration which amended Medicare rules to gradually phase out cost sharing for colorectal cancer screening tests and any diagnostic or therapeutic procedures (if a polyp is found and removed during a screening colonoscopy).

The no cost sharing provision would be phased in fully by 2030.

This bill would speed up that process for enactment by the end of 2026

Pediatric Cancer Funding

HHS Increases Pediatric Cancer Research - https://www.hhs.gov/press-room/hhs-doubles-ai-backed-childhood-cancer-research-funding.html

- Recent EO U.S. Department of Health and Human Services today announced a doubling of funding for its Childhood Cancer Data Initiative at the National Cancer Institute. The funding surge is designed to accelerate the development of improved diagnostics, treatments, and prevention strategies.
- President Trump in 2019 established the Childhood Cancer Data Initiative to collect, generate, and analyze childhood cancer data.
- Its budget will rise from \$50 million to \$100 million, giving the federal government stronger data for this effort. The initiative will also bring in private-sector partners to apply advanced artificial intelligence to speed up cures for pediatric cancer.

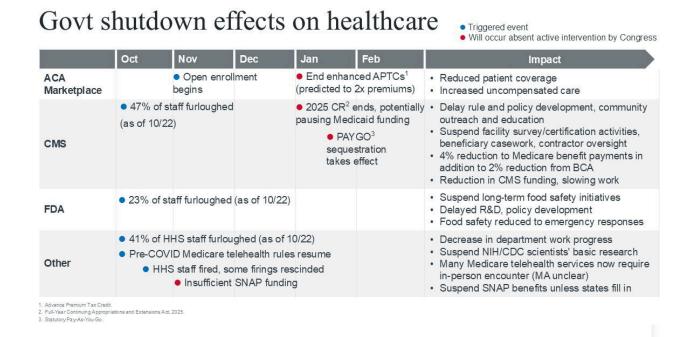
Favored Nation Status

Most Favored Nation Part II - https://www.mmm-online.com/news/trump-admin-strikes-most-favored-nation-deal-pfizer-trumprx/

- The Trump administration announced an agreement with Pfizer and unveiled a major drug pricing plan Tuesday, in which the pharma giant will sell its drugs at lower prices based on Most Favored Nation (MFN) pricing.
- Pfizer said its drugs will now be available at a reduced cost similar to prices in other wealthy countries — through Medicaid.
- The Trump administration is also launching a new platform called TrumpRx, through which Pfizer will sell its medications at a discount of up to 85%.

Other Impactful Health Care Policy Issues – 2025/26

- Affordable Care Act enhanced premium tax credit subsidies will expire on 12/31/2025
- Medicare An annual limit on out- of pocket prescriptions will be implemented
- Telehealth coverage on certain plans will expire
- Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP), a \$50 billion program aimed at strengthening rural healthcare



Advocacy for Cancer Research Funding



Cancer Research and Prevention Funding Requests

131 actions taken

69 needed to reach next goal

Background:

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) has been strong advocates in the fight against cancer and securing additional cancer research and prevention funding. Past congressional support for federally funded cancer research has been the foundation for progress made in the battle against this disease. The ACS strongly supports the goal of maintaining and enhancing funding of these programs in order to build upon the momentum gained throughout the last few years.

Specifically, the ACS supports building upon medical breakthroughs and treatment therapies that provide relief to millions of cancer patients. ACS supports the following funding requests for the CDC, NIH, NCI, and ARPA-H.

For FY 2026, the ACS urge Congress to support the following funding recommendations:





119th Congress, 1st Session - The House is not in session.

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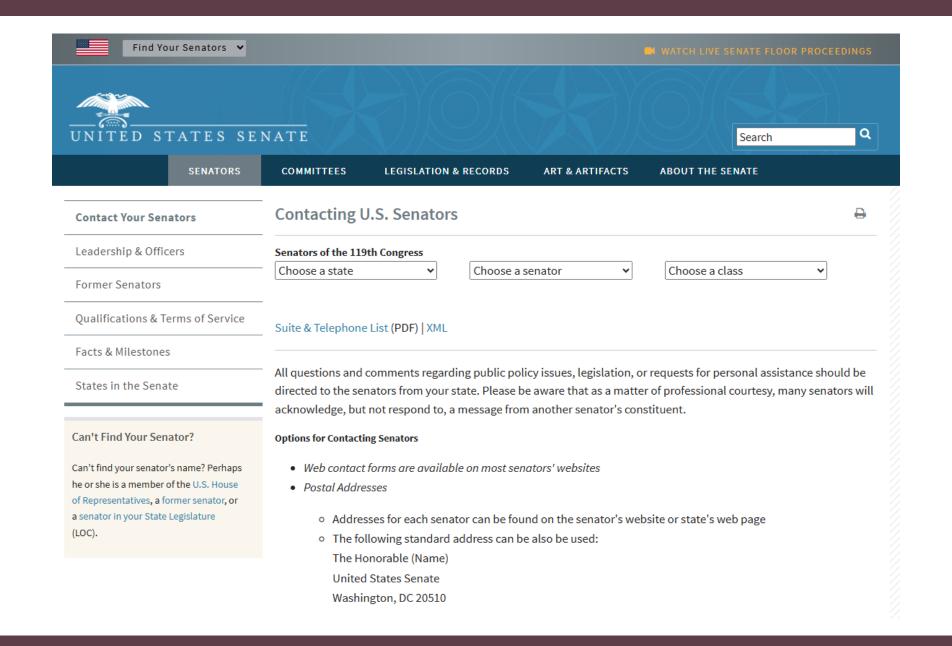
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Questions