

2023 ACS CAN IMPACT AT-A-GLANCE

For 22 years, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) has engaged volunteers across the country to use their voices to advocate for public policy change to save lives from cancer. In 2023, we again made tremendous strides in achieving impact toward our mission to advocate for evidence-based policies to reduce the cancer burden for everyone. Highlights include:

Led successful strategic campaigns to improve access to affordable and quality health care, including passage of legislation to make **North Carolina** the 40th state to increase eligibility for Medicaid health insurance coverage for over **600,000** people.

600,000+
**NEWLY ELIGIBLE
FOR MEDICAID IN
NORTH CAROLINA**



\$4.8 billion
**IN STATE
APPROPRIATIONS**

Protected and secured **\$4.8 billion** in state appropriations through advocacy to help fund cancer research and programs that reduce the tobacco burden and increase access to screenings.

Thanks to ACS CAN's advocacy, **Michigan** enacted legislation that will ensure patient out-of-pocket costs for oral and intravenous chemotherapy are similar, making it the **43rd** state that has passed such legislation.

43rd State
**ENACTS NEW ACCESS
TO CARE LEGISLATION**



**ACCESS
TO PATIENT
NAVIGATION**

Successfully advocated for greater access to patient navigation by providing **first-time reimbursement** for the service in Medicare. The payment provision will improve quality and sustain accessibility of care for patients with chronic illnesses including cancer.

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ACS CAN volunteers took more than **320,000** online actions in support of our legislative priorities.

320,000+
ONLINE ACTIONS TAKEN



EXPANDED COVERAGE OF BIOMARKER TESTING

ACS CAN advocacy led to expanded insurance coverage of comprehensive biomarker testing in **Arkansas, California, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and New York.**

Nearly **70,000** Lights of Hope honored loved ones in communities nationwide as part of ACS CAN's 13th annual Lights of Hope event, which raised more than **\$870,000**.

70,000+
LIGHTS OF HOPE



Held the tobacco industry responsible for decades of public deceit through a requirement for companies to post truthful statements about their deadly products at nearly 220,000 retail outlets nationwide.

**CORRECTIVE STATEMENTS
ON TOBACCO POSTED IN
220,000
RETAIL STORES**



BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION ADVANCED

Helped to advance bipartisan, bicameral legislation to remove financial barriers to prostate cancer screenings, marking the **first time** the Prostate-Specific Antigen Screening for High-risk Insured Men Act (PSA Screening for HIM Act) was introduced in the U.S. Senate.