



2021 North Dakota Legislative Priorities

Victory in the fight against cancer requires bold new public policies that promote cancer prevention, early detection of cancer, and expand access to quality, affordable health care. Lawmakers make many decisions that impact the lives of North Dakota state residents touched by cancer and their leadership is vital to defeating this disease. In 2021, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) will work with the North Dakota General Assembly in support of the following priorities:

Ensuring Access to Quality Care

- **Medicaid Expansion:** ACS CAN will work to reauthorize and protect Medicaid expansion and will stop any attempts to impose a work requirement.

Cancer Prevention and Early Detection

- **Breast and Cervical Cancer:** ACS CAN will advocate to maintain funding of \$400,000 per biennium for the *Women's Way Program*, the state breast and cervical cancer screening and treatment program for low-income uninsured and underinsured women administered by the North Dakota Department of Health.
- **Colorectal Cancer:** ACS CAN will work to maintain funding for colorectal cancer screening, treatment, and patient navigation programs. This North Dakota program is currently funded at \$519,207 for the 2019/20 biennium.

Reducing the Toll of Tobacco

- **Smoke-free Air:** Protect North Dakota's current comprehensive statewide smoke-free policies that include all restaurants, bars, casinos, and non-hospitality workplaces at the state and local level. ACS CAN will also work to defend existing comprehensive laws and expand laws that are not comprehensive.
- **Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Funding:** ACS CAN will work to fund and sustain evidence-based, statewide tobacco use prevention and cessation programs at the current level of \$13,646,704 for the biennium, and look for ways to increase the funding.

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ACS CAN, the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, supports evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. ACS CAN works to encourage elected officials and candidates to make cancer a top priority. ACS CAN gives ordinary people extraordinary power to fight cancer with the training and tools they need to make their voices heard.

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