

# **2024 Kansas Legislative Priorities**

#### **Ensuring Access to Quality Care**

- **KanCare Expansion**: ACS CAN will work to expand KanCare eligibility so that more low-income Kansans have access to affordable, comprehensive health insurance coverage and non-emergent medical transportation services through state Medicaid programs. We will support policies that increase quality of care and improvement of Medicaid systems, and improve health care access without burdensome restrictions for working Kansans.
- **Network Adequacy:** ACS CAN will support legislation regarding health insurance network adequacy to help ensure that cancer patients and cancer survivors have access to appropriate medical specialists they may need.
- Prescription Drug Access: ACS CAN will advocate for legislation that ensures prior authorization and step therapy
  requirements for prescription drugs are clear, efficient and patient-friendly while also allowing for exceptions when
  appropriate.

## **Cancer Prevention and Early Detection**

- Breast and Cervical Cancer: ACS CAN will work to maintain state funding for Early Detection Works, the state
  breast and cervical cancer screening program for low-income uninsured and underinsured women
  administered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.
- Lung Cancer: ACS CAN advocates for all insurance plans, including traditional Medicaid, to provide a comprehensive benefit for lung cancer screening including all follow-up testing according to recommended guidelines, without enrollee cost sharing or other barriers.

## **Reducing the Toll of Tobacco**

• **Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Funding:** ACS CAN will work to maintain state funding of \$1,001,960 for fact-based, statewide tobacco prevention and cessation programs and in addition, work to ensure that revenue from the state's settlement with JUUL be permanently dedicated to the tobacco control program.

#### **Local Control**

ACS CAN supports the authority of local governments to pass local policies that go beyond state laws to help families
be healthy, safe and secure. Policymaking at the local level allows innovation and creative problem solving that
builds on local strengths and addresses local needs. ACS CAN will oppose legislation that restricts the freedom of
local leaders to best serve your shared constituents.

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ACS CAN is making cancer a top priority for public officials and candidates at the federal, state, and local levels. ACS CAN empowers advocates across the country to make their voices heard and influence evidence-based public policy change as well as legislative and regulatory solutions that will reduce the cancer burden. As the American Cancer Society's nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate, ACS CAN is critical to the fight for a world without cancer. For more information, please visit www.fightcancer.org.

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