

COVID-19 ADVOCACY IMPACT

CANCER HASN'T STOPPED. *So neither have we.*



American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to ensure federal relief packages include provisions to support cancer patients and the health systems and nonprofits that serve them through this pandemic. Here are some of the things we have successfully advocated for so far:

HEALTH SYSTEMS



Funding to support hospital capacity and cover health care providers' COVID-19-related expenses



Funding to support federal, state, local and tribal public health agencies as they prepare for and respond to COVID-19



Extended community health center funding through November 30, 2020 with additional funds to purchase medical supplies and drugs for pandemic response

RESEARCHERS & REGULATORS



Funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to research and develop COVID-19 diagnostic tools, vaccines and therapies



Funding to help the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) review and authorize medical devices, vaccines and therapies to combat COVID-19



Direction to the FDA to identify current and potential drug supply shortages



Funding to support maintaining the Strategic National Stockpile for critical medical supplies, protective equipment and medication

PATIENTS

Access to care provisions that will benefit patients during the COVID-19 crisis, and may specifically benefit cancer patients who are at particularly high risk:



Access to no-cost COVID-19 testing for insured and uninsured individuals



Increased funding for state Medicaid programs to ensure access to low-income and recently unemployed individuals



Increased covered medication prescriptions from 30-day to 90-day supplies for Medicare beneficiaries



Expanded access to telehealth and in-home care for Medicare beneficiaries and veterans



Increased funding for supportive services like nutrition support for seniors

Support for Charitable Giving

Individuals who do not itemize on their tax returns can give now and deduct up to \$300 on their 2020 taxes, enabling them to support those organizations continuing to serve cancer patients and their families nationwide during the current public health crisis.

AND OUR WORK CONTINUES

We continue to survey cancer patients to learn how the pandemic is affecting them and their treatment and using that information to set policy priorities for future aid packages.

Learn more about the relief packages at fightcancer.org/COVIDstimulus.

Join us as we continue to advocate for cancer patients during this crisis at fightcancer.org.