

Arizona 2025 Legislative Asks



1 Ensuring Access to Quality Care

ACS CAN will fight for:

Affordable, Adequate Health Insurance: ACS CAN will advocate for policies that ensure access to quality, affordable and comprehensive health insurance including AHCCCS and will support efforts to curb the availability of inadequate health plans.

Medication 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.

Testing Access: ACS CAN will ensure full implementation of the 2022 biomarker testing coverage law; and fight attempts to dismantle or materially alter the law.

Request a hearing in the House Health Committee for HB2561 and support the bill, a breast cancer continuum of screening bill sponsored by Rep. Peña

- Eliminate patient cost-sharing for medically necessary diagnostic and supplemental breast imaging (e.g., diagnostic mammography, breast ultrasound, breast MRI)
- Allows women to receive no-cost follow-up imaging for those who have received an abnormal result on an initial screening.

2 Maintain Funding for the Well Woman HealthCheck Program

Support \$1,369,000 in state Funding for Arizona's Well Woman HealthCheck Program

- It is estimated that more than 100,000 low-income, uninsured Arizona women qualify for the Well Woman HealthCheck Program (WHHP).
- Annually, approximately 130 WHHP women are diagnosed with cancer and provided comprehensive health care and cancer treatment services through AHCCCS (the state's Medicaid program).
- The "community referral" option enacted in 2012 and supported by ACS CAN has now referred more than 1,000 women to AHCCCS for treatment since the policy change.
- This funding level has been maintained at this level for more than a decade and is included in the Governor's budget proposal.

3 Reducing the Toll of Tobacco

Oppose SB1072, a "Big Tobacco" inspired bill meant to implement a state-wide e-cigarette registry which has high cost and staffing implications for little return on investment.

- Tobacco is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States. While Arizona has historically been a leader in tobacco control policy, there are significant areas the state is deficient:
- We support efforts to properly defining and regulating e-cigarettes as a tobacco product in state law.

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Bills of interest



Ensuring Access to Quality Care (continued)

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Non-Medical Switching: Pass SB1102 Rep. Shamp – prohibits a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) from limiting or excluding coverage of a prescription drug for any medically-stable, covered individual on a specific prescription drug if outlined conditions are met.

- Establishes a prescription coverage exemption determination process.

HB2380 Rep. A. Hernandez – establishes rare disease advisory council. Support

HB2055 Rep. Fink – immunization exemption – the vaccine has been evaluated for its long-term potential to cause cancer, impair fertility and mutate genes. Oppose

HB2130 Rep. Bliss – Prior Authorization denial, contact info required. Support

Reducing the Toll of Tobacco (continued)

Oppose SB1272, a “Big Tobacco” inspired bill meant to implement a state-wide e-cigarette product registry which has high cost and staffing implications for little return on investment.

- Establishes a product registry for e-cigarettes regardless of the FDA status of the product. We support
- efforts to properly define e-cigarettes as a tobacco product in state law. This bill improperly defines e-cigarettes. Poor enforcement mechanism and placed in an agency (Department of Liquor Licensing
- Control) that is already understaffed.

Oppose SB1445, creates an “accreditation” process for e-cigarette manufacturers/retailers.

- This is not a fact-based approach designed to reduce tobacco use.
- Allows business as usual in the e-cigarette space.
- This creates a state sanctioned “accreditation” for the makers and sellers of these addictive and dangerous products.

HB2293 Rep. Simacek. Neutral

- Properly defines e-cigarettes correcting existing law.
- Raises sales age of tobacco to 21, conforming with federal law.

We support regular, significant and comprehensive increases on all tobacco products including those containing synthetic nicotine. Studies show that lasting changes in tobacco use occur with an increase of at least \$1 per pack of cigarettes and parallel increases across all other tobacco products to deter product switching.