

September 12, 2025

The Honorable Jodey Arrington  
U.S. House of Representatives  
107 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Terri Sewell  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Arrington and Representative Sewell:

On behalf of the undersigned leading national advocacy organizations who want to lower the burden of cancer for all by simplifying and screening for more types of cancer, we applaud you for sponsoring and prioritizing the passage of the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act (HR 842). This breakthrough legislation will provide the Medicare program with the authority to cover multi-cancer early detection (MCED) tests. In order for this legislation to become a reality for millions of Medicare enrollees, we urge you to work with your colleagues to bring this bill to the House floor for passage.

This legislation has the potential to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Medicare enrollees and their families. The risk of developing cancer increases with age<sup>1</sup> as does the probability of developing an invasive form of cancer. In 2025, more than 2 million Americans are expected to be diagnosed with cancer and over 1 million of those cases are expected to be diagnosed in individuals over the age of 65.<sup>2</sup>

Identifying and treating cancer at an early stage – before it has an opportunity to grow and spread – can improve clinical outcomes and reduce overall health care costs. Diagnosing and treating cancer early can also reduce overall health care expenditures.<sup>3,4</sup>

Understanding the crucial role of early detection, H.R. 842 provides the Medicare program with the authority to cover MCED tests, innovative tests that have the potential to detect many types of cancers at earlier stages. Coverage of MCED tests will add another option for early detection of cancer. Moreover, the legislation maintains Medicare’s existing coverage of breast, cervical, prostate, colorectal, and lung cancer screening tests. It further facilitates gradual coverage implementation including updates to the effective date, a phase-in of coverage by age, and alignment in the payment rate with analogous tests established in existing law.

Members of Congress across the political spectrum support H.R. 842. Currently, the legislation has 294 bipartisan cosponsors in the House of Representatives, including more than 89% of members of the Ways and Means Committee and over 74% of members of the Energy and Commerce Committee. In addition to congressional support, more than 550 organizations from across the country, in every state, have signed on to one or more formal letters of support. This represents significant support to move this bill.

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<sup>1</sup> American Cancer Society. Cancer Fact & Figures 2025. Atlanta: American Cancer Society; 2025.

<sup>2</sup>.Cancer Facts & Figures 2025.

<sup>3</sup> McGarvey, N., Gitlin, M., Fadli, E. *et al.* Increased healthcare costs by later stage cancer diagnosis. *BMC Health Serv Res* 22, 1155 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12913-022-08457-6>.

<sup>4</sup> Reddy SR, Broder MS, Chang E, Paydar C, Chung KC, Kansal AR. Cost of cancer management by stage at diagnosis among Medicare beneficiaries. *Curr Med Res Opin.* 2022 Aug;38(8):1285-1294. doi: 10.1080/03007995.2022.2047536. Epub 2022 Apr 20. PMID: 35285354.

The time to pass this bill is now. This legislation will ensure that Medicare enrollees have access to MCED tests once the tests have been approved by the FDA and clinical benefit has been shown. Thank you for your leadership and we stand ready to work with you to pass this important legislation. If you have any questions, please reach out to James Williams at [james.williams@cancer.org](mailto:james.williams@cancer.org).

Sincerely,

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
Prevent Cancer Foundation  
Alliance for Aging Research  
Alliance for Patient Research  
Alliance for Women's Health and Prevention  
American Association for Cancer Research  
American Association of Nurse Practitioners  
Association of American Cancer Institutes  
Association of Cancer Care Centers  
Brem Foundation to Defeat Breast Cancer  
California Life Sciences  
Cancer Support Community  
Caregiver Action Network  
Cheeky Charity  
Color of Gastrointestinal Illness  
Colorectal Cancer Alliance  
Deadliest Cancers Coalition  
Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer  
Dermatology Nurses Association  
ECAN Esophageal Cancer Action Network  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
Friends of Cancer Research  
Global Liver Institute  
G02 for Lung Cancer  
HealthyWomen  
HIV+ Hepatitis Policy Institute  
Hope for Stomach Cancer  
HPV Cancers Alliance  
International Association of Fire Fighters  
International Myeloma Foundation  
KidneyCAN  
Liver Coalition of San Diego  
Malecare Cancer Support  
Man Up to Cancer  
Men's Health Network  
National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalitions  
National Grange  
National Minority Quality Forum  
Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance  
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)

Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease  
Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer Coalition  
Prostate Cancer Foundation  
Prostate Conditions Education Council  
Prostate Health Education Network, Inc  
RetireSafe  
Susan G. Komen  
The COSHAR Healthy Communities Foundation  
The National Medical Association  
Triage Cancer  
ZERO Prostate Cancer