

2025 California 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 Californians impacted by cancer and their leadership is vital to defeating this disease. In 2025 the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) will work with the California Legislature to make the following fact-based policies a priority and ask for your support:

Cancer Research Funding

- **California Cancer Registry:** ACS CAN will work to protect funding for the California Cancer Registry which provides critical information for health researchers who utilize the data to address geographical and demographic factors that affect cancer risk, detection, and effective treatment.
- **Childhood Cancer Research:** ACS CAN will work to increase funding for childhood cancer research. Childhood cancer is the leading disease-related cause of death among children in California.

Cancer Prevention and Early Detection

- **Tobacco Control:** ACS CAN will fight to protect and expand California's pioneering tobacco control policies by working to better enforce state and local laws restricting the sale of flavored tobacco, protect funding for tobacco control, oppose efforts to weaken state smokefree laws and improve access to tobacco cessation.
- **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.

Ensuring Access to Quality Care

- **Every Woman Counts:** ACS CAN will work to further close the gaps in cancer care by increasing access to vital programs like Every Woman Counts and the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program.
- **Prescription Drug Affordability:** ACS CAN supports legislation that restricts the use of so-called copay accumulator adjustments in health insurance plans. We will advocate for policies that ensure third party prescription drug copay assistance is counted toward patients' out-of-pocket cost obligations.
- **Affordable Care Act (ACA):** ACS CAN will continue to support necessary efforts to preserve the provisions of the ACA to ensure Californians have access to quality, affordable health care.
- **Medi-Cal Coverage:** ACS CAN will defend funding, benefits, and eligibility for the Medi-Cal program that provides access to cancer care for the state's low-income population.

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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/California.

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