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Healthcare and Prescription Drug Bill Signed Into Law

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 delivers on several key aspects of President Biden's "Build Back Better" agenda. Notably, the legislation includes some significant prescription drug reform and healthcare affordability provisions that are set to take effect over the next six years. Read more at: acc-cancer.org/IRA2022.



Malnutrition in Cancer Care

Kelay Trentham, registered dietitian and nutritionist, and Christie Mangir, patient advocate and breast cancer survivor, share how malnutrition affects people with cancer in different ways, even impacting their anti-cancer treatment plans. Watch the first episode in a three-part series on malnutrition in cancer care: acc-cancer.org/malnutrition-podcast.



ACCC Legislative Action Center

Engage with elected officials by customizing a pre-drafted letter that will be sent directly to members of Congress on legislative issues that ACCC members have identified as top concerns, like reducing administrative burden in step therapy protocols, encouraging prior authorization reform, permanently extending telehealth access, and ensuring equitable access to clinical trials. acc-cancer.org/LAC2022.



WEBINAR

Remote Symptom Monitoring Using PROs

An MD Anderson study about the impact of telehealth on patient adherence with remote symptom monitoring before and during the pandemic. Watch today at: acc-cancer.org/telehealth-success-stories.



LETTER

ACCC Submits Comments on CY 2023 Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule

The proposed rule would significantly expand Medicare beneficiary access to telehealth services and colorectal cancer screening, among other provisions relevant to oncology care providers, including changes to the Quality Payment Program. Read the ACCC comment letter here: acc-cancer.org/CY2023PFS.



RESOURCE

Biomarker Testing Conversation Guide

Use this set of questions to guide patient-provider conversations related to biomarker testing. Type answers in a fillable PDF or print blank copies for patients to take their own notes. Access online at: acc-cancer.org/biomarker-patient-guide.

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Physicians may not be as opposed to rural practice as once believed; new survey reveals 90% would consider it.

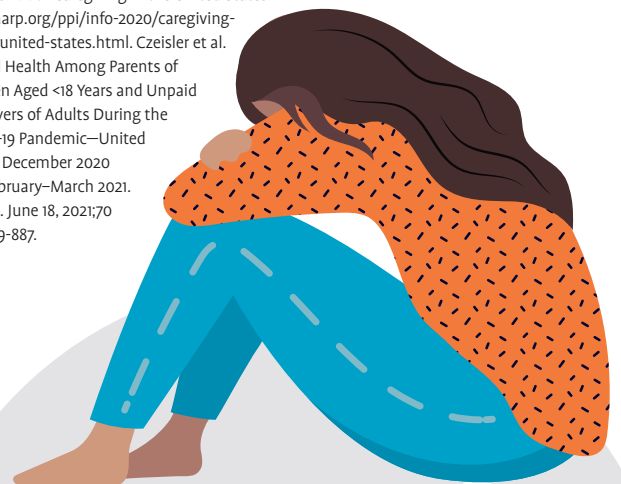
Source. Jackson Physician Search. Rural Physician Recruitment and Staffing 2022. Survey Results. jacksonphysiciansearch.com/rural-physician-recruitment-and-staffing-2022-survey-results

Our Unpaid Caregivers at Risk

About **20%** of U.S. adults (more than 50 million people) now serve as unpaid caregivers—an increase of 10 million caregivers since 2015. A 2021 study found that COVID-19 increased mental health symptoms and suicidal thoughts of these unpaid caregivers:

- **70%** of caregivers reported at least one adverse mental health symptom during the pandemic.
- **85%** of “sandwich” caregivers (those caring for individuals in two age groups, for example, both children and parents) experienced adverse mental health symptoms, with 52% reporting suicidal thoughts.
- **54%** of caregivers who scored as “high intensity” on the Caregiver Intensity Index seriously considered suicide in the previous 30 days.

Sources. AARP. Caregiving in the United States: 2020. aarp.org/ppi/info-2020/caregiving-in-the-united-states.html. Czeisler et al. Mental Health Among Parents of Children Aged <18 Years and Unpaid Caregivers of Adults During the COVID-19 Pandemic—United States, December 2020 and February–March 2021. *MMWR*. June 18, 2021;70 (24):879–887.



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Biggest Concerns for Today's Hospitals

- Attracting talent: **26%**
- Retaining talent: **21%**
- Avoiding burnout: **19%**
- Controlling costs: **15%**
- Improving the patient experience: **9%**
- Scheduling providers: **9%**

Source. Locum Tenens.com. Innovation & Flexibility: Journey to Sustainable Healthcare Report. locumtenens.com/media/4qcdojys/innovation-flex-report.pdf.

What Americans Are Willing to Pay More for in Healthcare

- Quality of care: **57%**
- Ability to work with care team of choice: **47%**
- Ability to work with hospitals of choice: **41%**
- Location proximity or convenience: **41%**
- Ability to get an appointment quickly: **40%**



Source. A YouGov survey, commissioned by AKASA. prnmedia.prnewswire.com/news-releases/new-survey-highlights-what-americans-are-willing-to-pay-more-for-in-healthcare-301615701.html.

The 411 on Locum Tenens

LocumTenens.com surveyed healthcare leaders from across the country, asking:

How long has your facility used outsourced physician staffing?

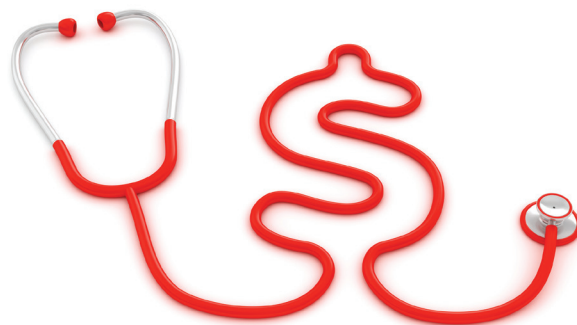
- More than 5 years: **52%**
- 3 to 5 years: **25%**
- Less than 3 years: **23%**

What types of locum tenens clinicians does your facility use?

- Only physicians: **57%**
- Both physicians and APPs: **26%**
- Only APPs: **9%**
- Other: **8%**



Source. Locum Tenens.com. Innovation & Flexibility: Journey to Sustainable Healthcare Report. locumtenens.com/media/4qcdojys/innovation-flex-report.pdf.



Analysis of 2 million Medicare beneficiaries establishes the cost of cancer by stage and time since diagnosis for 17 common cancers. Diagnosis at a later stage is up to 7 times more expensive than diagnosis at an earlier stage, and that cost remains higher for at least 5 years after diagnosis.

Source. Reddy SR, et al. Cost of cancer management by stage at diagnosis among Medicare beneficiaries. *Current Medical Research and Opinion*. doi.org/10.1080/03007995.2022.2047536