Missouri Legislative Update
American Cancer Society
Cancer Action Network
(ACS CAN)

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What is “CAN”?

• The nation’s leading cancer advocacy organization.

• The non-profit, non-partisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society.

• Working to eliminate cancer through public policy.
Our Organization

ACS CAN divides its advocacy into five main areas: federal, state, local, policy and grassroots.

**Staff Structure:**
- a team of federal lobbyists
- a Government Relations Director in every state capitol
- at least one Grassroots Manager in every state
- federal policy & grassroots teams

**Volunteer Structure:**
- One State Lead Ambassador (SLA) in each state
- Ambassador Constituent Team Lead (ACT Lead) for each congressional district
2019 Missouri General Assembly

- Legislative Session, January 9 – May 17
- Working with a new Republican Governor – Mike Parson
- Senate: 34 members
  24 R, 10 D
- House of Representatives: 163 Members
  114 R, 46 D, 3 vacancies
2019 Legislative Session Hot Topics

• Transportation/Infrastructure
• Workforce Development
• State Revenues/Budget
2019 ACS CAN Missouri Priorities

Skin Cancer Prevention

• **Indoor Tanning Devices:** ACS CAN is advocating for a state law to prohibit the use of indoor tanning devices by those under the age of 18, ensure all consumers are properly informed of their risk prior to use with effective enforcement provisions in place.

Cancer Prevention and Early Detection

• **Breast and Cervical Cancer:** Show Me Healthy Women, the state breast and cervical cancer screening and treatment program for low-income uninsured and underinsured women administered by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, provides free pap tests to women aged 35 to 64 and mammograms to women aged 50 to 64 who are low-income and uninsured. ACS CAN is advocating to maintain state general revenue funding of $500,000.

Reducing the Toll of Tobacco

• **Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Funding:** Tobacco use claims the lives of 11,000 Missourians each year and causes over $3 billion in annual health care costs. Comprehensive tobacco prevention programs prevent youth smoking, help smokers quit and ultimately save lives and money. Unfortunately, Missouri ranks at the bottom in spending for tobacco prevention and cessation. ACS CAN is working to fund and sustain evidence-based, statewide tobacco use prevention and cessation programs.
Melanoma Death Rates
Missouri’s Current Law is Inadequate

• Current law allows tanning for those 17 and under with parental consent

• Parental consent laws are not effective at deterring teens from using tanning devices
Skin Cancer Stories from Missourians

"As a father of three children, I know he would want to prevent anyone and their family to have to go through what we did and still do."

- Emily Messerli
California, Missouri

"Melanoma diagnosis, surgery, infections, infusions, hair loss, fatigue, scars... is a tan worth all of this?"

- Amanda Scott Zabel
Kansas City, MO

"I will never ever forget the day I got the phone call with the results from a skin biopsy stating it was positive for melanoma. I may be alive now and have beaten melanoma, but it is an evil monster. No one deserves to pay for the mistakes of their youth with their life."

- Ally Healey
St. Louis, MO

"Today when I see a girl walking into a tanning salon I want to stop her and show her my cheek."

- Kim H.
Chesterfield, Missouri
Show Me Healthy Women

• 32,386 women served by the program from 2012-2017

• Over 434 breast cancers & 298 cervical cancers or precancerous lesions detected

Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening in Missouri in 2016

- Mammography (40 years and older)
  - All Women: 70%
  - Uninsured: 40%

- Pap Test (21 to 65 years)
  - All Women: 83%
  - Uninsured: 57%
Toll of Tobacco in Missouri

• Missouri Adult Smoking Rate: 20.8%
  
  National Rate 14.0%

• Annual Smoking Attributable Deaths in Missouri: 11,000

• Annual Costs to the Missouri Economy Due to Smoking:
  
  $3.03 billion in health care costs

  $644.3 million in state Medicaid expenditures
Missouri Ranks at the Bottom in Funding Tobacco Cessation & Prevention
Tobacco Cessation & Prevention Funding

Missouri's Tobacco Revenue, CDC Recommended Spending, State Spending and Tobacco Industry Marketing

- Total State Tobacco Revenue: $258.9 million
- CDC Recommended Spending: $72.9 million
- Total State Spending: $48,500
- Estimated Annual Tobacco Company Marketing in State: $364.9 million
ACCESS TO CARE

• Short-term Insurance Legislation
• Proposed Changes to MoHealthnet Requirements
• Medicaid Waiver Legislation
Proposed Legislation Related to Cancer

• Copay Choice
• Access to Sunscreen
• Insurance Coverage for Fertility Preservation
• Insurance Coverage for Dental Procedures Related to Cancer
Public Policy Issues on the Horizon

- What does Medicaid look like in Missouri?
- Improving Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates
- Improving Access to Clinical Trials