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Updates from Capitol Hill: What to look for in 2023

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ASCO and State Affiliates: Partners in Advocacy

- Sign-on letters to Congress
 - Meetings with federal & state policymakers
 - Grassroots alerts
 - Social media campaigns
 - Joint state letters
 - Testimony at state hearings
 - Regulatory comments
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Advancing Shared Advocacy Priorities



Dr. Yogesh Jethava, Indiana Society Board member, testifies in support of drug repository legislation



Dr. Marc Nuttall, Utah Society President, with Senator Bramble at a copay accumulator bill press event



Dr. Doug Fair alongside Rep. Ray Ward testifying in favor of Utah fertility preservation measure

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Exciting to see our affiliates engage their state lawmakers. Thank you to Dr. Yogesh Jethava for testifying in support of establishing a drug repository program in Indiana! @OSSatACCC #ASCOAdvocacy

Indiana Capital Chronicle @INCapChronicle · Jan 18
Legislators embrace drug depository for expensive medications.

indianacapitalchronicle.com/2023/01/18/bil...

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How a Utah lawmaker wants to lower copay costs for chronically ill

By Kailey Gilbert, Deseret News | Posted - Jan. 20, 2023 at 10:36 p.m.

Jan 27, 2023 - Health

States jump into fight over prior authorization requirements

Landscape on Capitol Hill

118th CONGRESS BY THE NUMBERS

SENATE

49

REPUBLICANS
6 NEW MEMBERS

51

DEMOCRATS
2 NEW MEMBERS*

*Includes three Independents: Sinema, King, and Sanders

HOUSE

222

REPUBLICANS
40 NEW MEMBERS

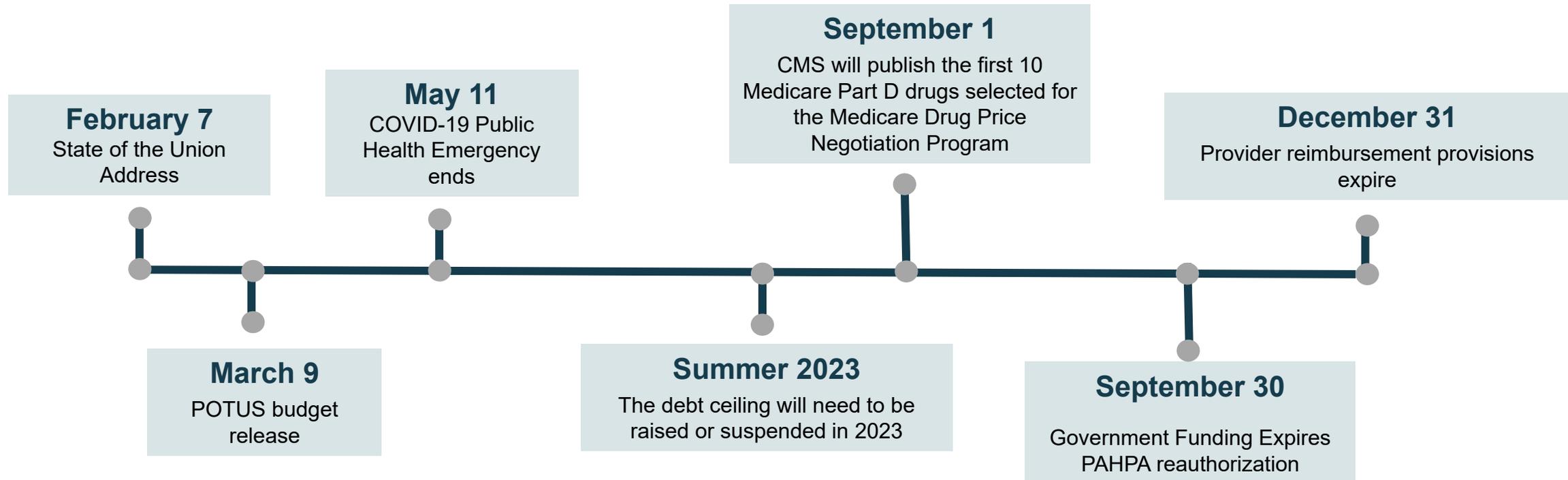
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DEMOCRATS
35 NEW MEMBERS

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VACANCY

2023 Key Dates for Policy Action



Committee Leadership's Healthcare Priorities for 2023

CHAIR



RANKING MEMBER



Senate Finance Committee	
Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR)	PBMs; Medicare Advantage; IRA implementation; mental health; health care workforce; rural health; chronic care
Ranking Member Mike Crapo (R-ID)	Medicare Advantage; HHS and IRA oversight; drug pricing; rural health

Senate HELP Committee	
Chairman Bernie Sanders (I-VT)	Drug pricing; Medicare for All; rural health; primary care access; health care workforce
Ranking Member Bill Cassidy (R-LA)	No Surprises Act oversight; drug pricing; HHS oversight; dyslexia

House Ways and Means Committee	
Chairman Jason Smith (R-MO)	HHS and IRA oversight; rural health; telehealth
Ranking Member Richard Neal (D-MA)	IRA implementation; protecting ACA provisions

House Energy and Commerce Committee	
Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA)	HHS, IRA, and pandemic oversight; PBMs; opioid crisis; price transparency
Ranking Member Frank Pallone (D-NJ)	IRA implementation; protecting ACA provisions; drug pricing; community health centers

House Education and the Workforce Committee	
Chair Virginia Foxx (R-NC)	Employer-sponsored insurance and association health plans; surprise medical bills; workforce development
Ranking Member Bobby Scott (D-VA)	Protecting ACA (e.g., preventive health services and fixing so-called "family glitch"); surprise medical bills

118th Congress: ASCO's Priorities

Medicare Physician Payment

Prior Authorization

Pharmacy Benefit Managers

Cancer Research Funding

Other Ongoing Priorities

Medicare Physician Payment

2023 Focus

- Long-term reform needed
- Educating lawmakers
- Urging Congress to hold hearings
- APM bonus expires at year end



Prior Authorization

Multi-pronged advocacy approach

- Proposed rules
- Federal legislation
- State legislation
- Survey & new position statement
- Ad campaigns
- Social media



CANCER WON'T WAIT.



So why do patients have to?

Protect older Americans with cancer from unnecessary insurance delays.

Pass the **Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act** (H.R. 3173/S. 3018)

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Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs)

Advocating at all levels

- Capitol Hill
 - Bipartisan, bicameral attention
 - Multiple bills
- Legislation across the states
- Regulatory activity
- Investigations



Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations

	FY 2022 – Enacted	FY 2023 – Enacted	FY 2024 – Asks
NIH	\$44.959 billion	\$47.459 billion	Pending
NCI	\$6.913 billion	\$7.32 billion*	\$9.988 billion
ARPA-H	\$1 billion	\$1.5 billion	At least \$1.5 billion

*2023 is the last year of funding for the original Cancer Moonshot

Other Policy Issues to Watch

- ✓ Drug shortages
- ✓ VALID Act
- ✓ Oral Parity
- ✓ Pediatric Cancer
- ✓ Tobacco/ENDS
- ✓ PHE Unwinding



- ✓ Drug Pricing
- ✓ Step Therapy
- ✓ Copay Accumulators
- ✓ Telemedicine
- ✓ Clinical Trials Diversity
- ✓ Cancer Screening

ASCO Advocacy: Get Involved

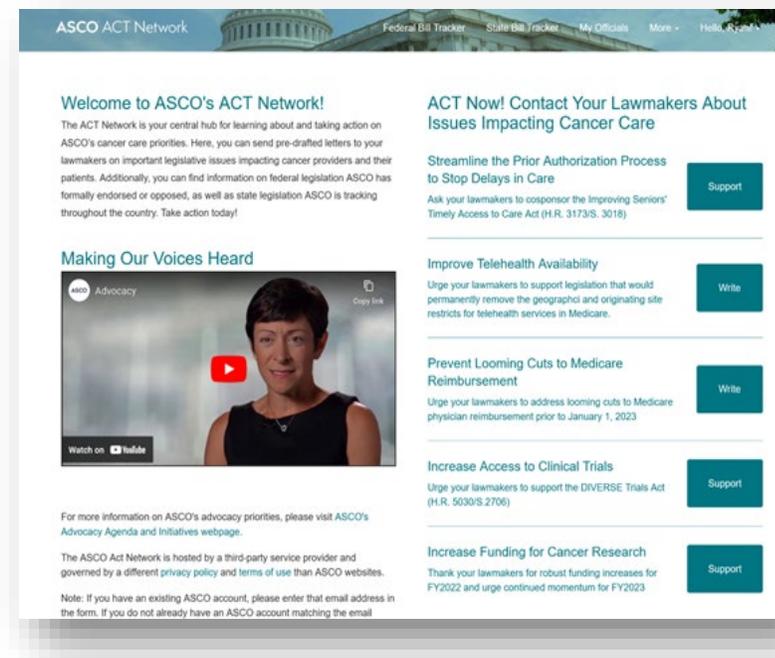
ASCO[®] ACT Network

- Action alerts with ASCO positions on key bills
- Provides draft messages to personalize & send to your lawmakers
- Visit www.asco.org/ACTNetwork

Advocacy at Home

- Meet with your lawmakers in the state or district

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The screenshot displays the ASCO ACT Network website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Federal Bill Tracker', 'State Bill Tracker', 'My Officials', 'More', and 'Help'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Welcome to ASCO's ACT Network!**: A introductory text block explaining the network's purpose.
- ACT Now! Contact Your Lawmakers About Issues Impacting Cancer Care**: A central heading for the main advocacy actions.
- Streamline the Prior Authorization Process to Stop Delays in Care**: An action item with a 'Support' button.
- Improve Telehealth Availability**: An action item with a 'Write' button.
- Prevent Looming Cuts to Medicare Reimbursement**: An action item with a 'Write' button.
- Increase Access to Clinical Trials**: An action item with a 'Support' button.
- Increase Funding for Cancer Research**: An action item with a 'Support' button.

There is also a video player titled 'Making Our Voices Heard' featuring a woman speaking. At the bottom, there is a footer with additional information and a note about the website's hosting and privacy policy.