

## Federal Regulatory and Legislative Policy

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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



#### Landscape on Capitol Hill





Senate 51 Ds\* - 49 Rs

\*Includes three Independents

House of Representatives 213 Ds - 222 Rs



#### **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

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Instability in #Medicare payment hurts physicians and patients. We joined the provider community in advocating for necessary reform. Learn more: fal.cn/3vqRe. #ASCOAdvocacy



#### **Prior Authorization**

Multi-pronged advocacy approach

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





## **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	\$50.924 billion
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



#### **ARPA-H**

- New Federal Agency
  - High-risk, transformative research
  - Ambitious mid- and long-term projects
  - Disease specific vs. Broadly applicable
- New Leadership
  - Renee Wegrzyn, PhD
  - Program Managers (3-5yr)
  - \$1B until Sept. 30, 2024
- Stakeholders Expectations
  - Hire outside civil service
  - Complement NIH Research
  - Broad, flexible, separate funding
  - Stakeholder engagement
  - Health equity and diversity





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## **Cancer Moonshot(S)**

- Administration "Phase II" of the Cancer Moonshot
- Last year of current Cancer Moonshot funding
- New Goals
  - 1. Speed progress of cutting-edge research through the pipeline
  - 2. Better understand and address environmental exposures
  - 3. Increase screenings and the types of screenings
  - 4. Improve patients, survivors, and their caregivers experience and learn from each of them
  - 5. Address inequities in access to care and treatment, including clinical trials
- Phase II 7-year funding or longer?
- Congressional Action??

#### **Overarching Goals:**

- Reduce the death rate from cancer by at least 50% over the next 25 years
- Improve the experience of people & their families living with & surviving cancer
- End cancer as we know it today

Quote Permission Granted: On Moonshots and Space Rocks, ASCO Morning Rounds, CEO Reflections, Oct. 3, 2022.



#### **National Cancer Plan**

- Dr. Bertagnolli described ambitious plan—continued emphasis on breaking molds to innovate/streamline
  - Doubling clinical trial enrollment
  - Increasing diversity, special focus on older participants

Moonshot and NCP - "All of Government" approach, not just NCI

## **National Cancer Plan**

#### 8 Goals:

- 1. Prevent Cancer
- 2. Detect Cancers Early
- 3. Develop Effective Treatments
- 4. Eliminate Inequities
- 5. Deliver Optimal Care
- 6. Engage Every Person
- 7. Maximize Data Utility
- 8. Optimize the Workforce



### **Other Policy Issues to Watch**

✓ Drug Shortages
✓ VALID Act
✓ Oral Parity
✓ Pediatric Cancer
✓ Tobacco/ENDS
✓ PHE Unwinding
✓ Open Access



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



### **ASCO Advocacy: Get Involved**

#### **ASCO**<sup>°</sup> ACT Network

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

#### **Advocacy at Home**

 Meet with your lawmakers in the state or district



