

FIGHT COLORECTAL CANCER

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ISSUE:

PROTECT THE BEST INTERESTS OF PATIENTS

Ask: Protect the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) ban on pre-existing condition limitations, elimination of annual and lifetime coverage caps, and maintain coverage of screening services and guaranteed renewability.

As our healthcare delivery system evolves, we are working to maintain seamless coverage for patients and families impacted by cancer. On behalf of patients and healthcare providers we call for reform that allows for flexibility, timely updates and adherence to the latest evidence-based clinical practices, affordability and transparency.

Pre-existing Conditions

Support the ban on disqualifying or limiting coverage for a consumer from a health insurance plan due to pre-existing medical conditions. The Trump administration has clearly stated their support for this provision. We urge Congress to follow through on that promise.

Annual and Lifetime Coverage Caps

Maintain the provision prohibiting health plans from putting annual or lifetime dollar limits on most benefits. The average cost of treating advanced colorectal cancer is more than \$250,000 per patient. Patients should not have to choose between providing for their families or undergoing treatments.

Prevention and Screening Services

Maintain the key provision of the ACA requiring that private insurance plans must cover recommended preventive services without any patient cost-sharing (co-payments, deductibles or co-insurance).

Guaranteed Renewability

Maintain the provision that health insurance issuers must offer to renew a policy as long as the consumer continues to pay premiums. This provision allows cancer patients to focus on fighting and surviving, not shopping for new insurance plans or facing interrupted coverage.

During a time of reform, we must protect and preserve affordability and access to care while maintaining the quality of healthcare services and meaningful access to, and coverage of, clinical trials.

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