



Nevada



2013 State Legislative Priorities

Cancer has become one of the most preventable and increasingly curable life-threatening diseases – but only if we take the steps necessary to prevent it outright, detect it early, and improve access to care. To this end, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network in Nevada is working on the following legislative priorities in support of our mission to end cancer as a major health problem.

Ensuring Access to Quality Care

- In 2011, Nevada created the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange which at the time was one of the nation's first and more complete exchanges. ACS CAN will advocate for full implementation of the exchange including the setup of a functioning navigator program and eligibility determination system. These two critical components will help connect uninsured Nevadans with life-saving coverage offered through the exchange as well as federal premium subsidies that will make coverage affordable.

Cancer Prevention and Early Detection

- The State of Nevada currently provides no state contribution to the federally-supported Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. Accordingly, ACS CAN will seek a first-ever Nevada state appropriation intended to support breast and cervical cancer screening for low-income and uninsured women.
- Advance legislation that bans the use of tanning parlors for minors under 18 years old.

Lung Cancer and Tobacco Control

- Nevada's continued high smoking rate and related mortalities as well as recent increases in youth tobacco use are in part a consequence of the state's total elimination of any tobacco control funding. ACS CAN in collaboration with tobacco control partners will seek a funding level of at least \$1,000,000 each fiscal year in the FY 14/15 biennial budget for state tobacco control programming to be spent in accordance with CDC best practices. This investment will save lives and save the state in future healthcare costs.

Expanding Cancer Treatment and Survivorship

- Unless the patient cost disparities between cancer medications administered orally versus intravenously are resolved federally by HHS prescription drug coverage directives under the Affordable Care Act, Nevadans with health insurance will incur increased out-of-pocket costs for cancer treatments involving oral and injectable cancer fighting medications. ACS CAN is partnering with diverse health related partners to plan for potential legislation if necessary.

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ACS CAN, the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, supports evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. ACS CAN works to encourage elected officials and candidates to make cancer a top national priority. ACS CAN gives ordinary people extraordinary power to fight cancer with the training and tools they need to make their voices heard. For more information, visit acscan.org.