



Idaho

What is ACS CAN

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) makes cancer a top priority for policymakers at every level of government. ACS CAN engages volunteers across the country to make their voices heard to ensure that our cities, our states and our nation adopt evidence-based public policies that improve the lives of people with cancer and their families, and those at risk for cancer. We believe everyone should have a fair and just opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer.

Since 2001, as the American Cancer Society's nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate, ACS CAN has successfully advocated for billions of dollars in cancer research funding, expanded access to quality affordable health care, and advanced proven tobacco control measures. We stand with our volunteers, working to change public policy to end cancer as we know it, for everyone.

2025 Local Priorities

Medicaid Expansion Protection

ACS CAN is dedicated to ensuring that low-income individuals and families have access to comprehensive health insurance through state Medicaid programs. We actively support policies that protect Medicaid funding and access for low-income parents and adults. This includes opposing any changes that would reduce coverage, benefits, eligibility, or quality of care, while also advocating for improvements to Medicaid systems.

Since its voter-mandated implementation in 2020, Medicaid expansion in Idaho has significantly reduced Idaho's uninsured rate. It has provided more than 100,000 Idahoans—who otherwise could not afford a marketplace plan—with access to quality insurance and life-saving health care. This coverage is particularly vital for rural Idahoans and the health care systems that serve them.

Tobacco Appropriations

ACS CAN will advocate for increased funding for evidence-based, statewide tobacco prevention and cessation programs. These programs aim to prevent youth from starting tobacco use and provide support for those trying to quit.

**Join Us
for**

**Idaho Supports Medicaid
Day at the Capitol**
January 28, 2025



Ways to Get Involved

Advocacy in Action

Idaho Supports Medicaid Day at the Capitol will be held on Tuesday, January 28th at the Idaho State Capitol.

Join volunteers from across the state that will be advocating to protect access to affordable, quality health care for all Idahoans. After you complete this registration you will receive more information about the agenda and travel details at the beginning of the year. If you have any questions, reach out to ID Grassroots Manager, Erin Riley, at erin.riley@cancer.org.

Volunteer Recruitment

Join us in the fight against this devastating disease by becoming a vital part of our dedicated team. Whether you're a survivor, a caregiver, or simply passionate about making a difference, there are numerous ways to take action. Scan the QR Code below to learn more about our volunteer opportunities.

[Click here](#) or scan the QR code to get involved



Impact of ACS CAN

Led the cancer community to secure a total of **\$7.32 billion** for cancer research at the National Cancer Institute (NCI), including a **\$408 million** increase as part of a **\$2.5 billion** increase for biomedical research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to help lead to innovative future therapies.

\$7.32 billion
FOR CANCER
RESEARCH FUNDING



\$1.93 billion
IN STATE
APPROPRIATIONS

Protected and secured **\$1.93 billion** in state appropriations through advocacy to help fund cancer research and programs that reduce the tobacco burden and increase access to screenings.

Launched a digital and social media campaign on **Medicaid expansion**, with the animated film, **Access Denied: The Injustice of the Medicaid Coverage Gap**, which garnered over **19.8k** views on social media platforms and generated more than **2,400** new Medicaid expansion advocates.

2,400+
NEW ADVOCATES
FOR MEDICAID
EXPANSION



Helped strengthen tobacco control laws nationwide with **62.3%** of the U.S. population now protected from secondhand smoke exposure by local or statewide smoke-free laws.

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OF POPULATION
PROTECTED FROM
SECONDHAND SMOKE



ACS CAN volunteers took more than **240,000** online actions in support of our legislative priorities.

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ONLINE ACTIONS



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