

2025 Nebraska Legislative Priorities

Expanding Access to Biomarker Testing

Biomarker testing can help determine the best treatment for a patient, but insurance coverage for biomarker testing is failing to keep pace with innovations and advancements in treatment. ACS CAN will advocate to expand appropriate coverage of biomarker testing for public and private insurance plans, so that more patients can benefit from the right treatments at the right time.

Cancer Prevention and Early Detection

Programs that increase access to proven cancer screenings, especially among medically underserved populations, save lives and are good for the economy. ACS CAN will advocate for all insurance plans, including traditional Medicaid, to provide comprehensive benefits for cancer screenings including all follow-up testing according to recommended guidelines, without enrollee cost sharing or other barriers.

Reducing the Toll of Tobacco

Tobacco use is the leading cause of cancer death and disease in the United States. In 2024, the annual cost of health care in Nebraska directly linked to smoking is \$924Million. Effective tobacco control policies are necessary to reduce tobacco use in the state and prevent young people from becoming addicted. ACS CAN will advocate to maintain state general funding for fact-based, statewide tobacco prevention and cessation programs and for policies that make tobacco products harder to access and less affordable to buy for all Nebraskans.

Access to quality, affordable health care

More than 300,000 people in the United States die from cancer each year because they lack access to affordable, adequate, quality care and treatment, and millions of others are forced to skip lifesaving care or spend their savings to pay for it. ACS CAN supports policies that remove barriers for Nebraskans so that everyone has a fair chance to be screened, treated and survive cancer.

Local Control

ACS CAN supports the authority of local governments to pass local policies that go beyond state laws to help families be healthy, safe and secure. Policymaking at the local level allows innovation and creative problem solving that builds on local strengths and addresses local needs. ACS CAN will oppose legislation that restricts the freedom of local leaders to best serve your shared constituents.

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ACS CAN is making cancer a top priority for public officials and candidates at the federal, state, and local levels. ACS CAN empowers advocates across the country to make their voices heard and influence evidence-based public policy change as well as legislative and regulatory solutions that will reduce the cancer burden. As the American Cancer Society's nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate, ACS CAN is critical to the fight for a world without cancer. For more information, please visit www.fightcancer.org.