The Cancer Care Planning and Communications Act of 2021 (H.R. 4414)

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Background

- Bipartisan legislation introduced July 2021
- Introduced by Congressman Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA) and Congressman Buddy Carter (R-GA)
- Both are co-chairs of the Congressional Cancer Survivors Caucus
- Currently 9 cosponsors in the House – seeking additional cosponsors
- Seeking Senate champions to introduce companion legislation
What Does the CCPCA Do?

- The CCPCA would establish a new Medicare service and payment for cancer care planning.
- Cancer survivors would receive the care plan:
  - At diagnosis
  - When there is a change in their treatment plan
  - When active treatment is complete (i.e. a survivorship care plan)
Need for the CCPCA

- Cancer care planning has been identified as an element of quality cancer care.
- The National Academy of Medicine, medical professional societies, and cancer patients have embraced the idea that all patients should receive a treatment plan from their care team.
- Most cancer patients do not receive a written plan, which leaves them to navigate their cancer diagnosis without clear direction.
Benefits of the CCPCA

• Will help cancer patients by supplying them a tangible plan or roadmap.

• Will promote shared decision-making between patients and their cancer care teams so patients are not left in the dark.

• Will empower patients with information necessary to help manage and coordinate their care.

• Will help providers deliver the right care at the right time, better coordinate a patient’s care, and use resources effectively.
The Meeting

• Brief introductions
  • Share your name, city, connection to cancer, and that you’re an NCCS advocate

• State the purpose of the meeting
  • Share that you’re advocating for the Cancer Care Planning and Communications Act

• Share your story

• Make the ask (OR thank them if they are a cosponsor)
  • House: Will you cosponsor the CCPCA?
  • Senate: Would you be willing to champion the Senate version of the legislation?
After the Meeting

• Tweet to thank your legislator for the meeting and restate the ask
• Send thank you emails with responses to any outstanding questions
• Follow up with staff on action items, if any
• If your Member takes action, thank them and their staff
Virtual Hill Meetings

- NCCS is scheduling Hill meetings for those who registered to participate in Virtual Hill Week
- You will receive a meeting request from Ellie Donohue with the Zoom link
- NCCS staff may join meetings – let us know if you’d like a staff member there!
- Drop-in Q&A scheduled for July 11 from 4:00pm-5:00pm ET
- If your schedule changes, email Ellie at edonohue@canceradvocacy.org
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Questions?

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