

The Right to Thrive: A Conversation on the Lainie Jones Comprehensive Cancer Survivorship Act

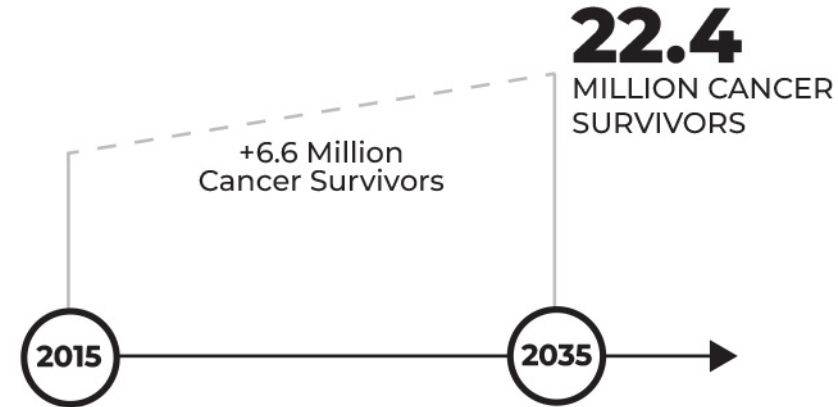


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Cancer Survivorship By the Numbers



- 70% of survivors have lived 5+ years since diagnosis
- 49% of survivors have lived 10+ years since diagnosis
- 22% of survivors have lived 20+ years since diagnosis
- Nearly 700,000 people living with metastatic cancer

Cancer Nation Survivorship Survey

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY 2025

The 2025 Cancer Nation Survivorship Survey captures the voices and realities of over 2,000 cancer survivors across the United States. This year's findings reveal erosion in **trust and satisfaction** in care, deepening **financial and mental health burdens**, and continued underuse of **Survivorship Care Plans** that could transform long-term outcomes.

At its core, this year's data reminds us: cancer care is not just about survival, it's about how we live with and beyond cancer.

Trust in Care vs. Satisfaction in Care

While most survivors continue to **trust their doctors**, that trust is diminishing, especially among younger and underserved patients. At the same time, **satisfaction with care**, while still high, has declined across nearly every stage of the cancer journey. Greater financial strains and more patients struggling with mental health issues are the biggest drivers of the decrease in satisfaction. Majorities say their providers coordinate care well, yet nearly 6 in 10 patients report having to share medical information between providers themselves.

Mental Health & Loneliness

Emotional wellbeing remains a crisis point. **One in three patients experiences depression or anxiety** during treatment, and just a third of those feel adequately supported in managing mental health. Younger patients, patients of color, and those parenting children during treatment are more likely to feel isolated during treatment. While patients turn most often to family and friends for support, few report meaningful mental health help from their care teams. Half of those with pre-existing mental health conditions say cancer made it harder to manage them.

Cancer's mental health toll remains invisible in too many care settings, leaving survivors anxious, isolated, and exhausted.

Survivorship Care Plans: The Confidence Gap

Despite years of advocacy, **only one in three (36%) survivors reports receiving a survivorship care plan**—down from 43% last year. Yet the impact of these plans is undeniable. Most survivors do not feel prepared in most aspects of managing their care post-treatment, but those who have a plan are significantly more confident managing their health, side effects, and mental wellbeing after treatment. Nearly all who receive one find it helpful, and **85% of patients in treatment say they expect one when they finish treatment**. Survivorship care planning remains one of the clearest, most actionable paths to improving post-treatment quality of life.



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The Bottom Line

Across every theme the message is clear: survivors are surviving, but too many are not *thriving*.

This year's findings reaffirm why we exist: We need a **Cure for Care**—care that sees, treats, and covers the whole person, not just the cancer.

Bipartisan Survivorship Legislation

- The Lainie Jones Comprehensive Cancer Survivorship Act (HR 8839) was introduced May 13 by Representatives Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA), and Joe Wilson (R-SC)
 - Medicare Coverage of Care Planning & Coordination Services
 - Stakeholder Meeting on Survivorship Transition Tools
 - Alternative Payment Model for Quality Cancer Survivorship Care
 - Cancer Survivor Employment Assistance Program
 - Survivorship Progress Report
 - Medicaid Coverage of Healthcare Transitions for Survivors of Childhood and Adolescent Cancer
 - Medicaid Coverage of Cancer Fertility Services for Cancer Survivors
 - Office of Cancer Survivorship

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How You Can Help Advance the CCSA

1. Contact Your Representatives

Call your members of Congress at (202) 224-3121 and urge them to support HR 8839, the Lainie Jones Comprehensive Cancer Survivorship Act (CCSA).

2. Join the List of Endorsers

If you are a national organization, medical center, or medical professional society, please consider signing on in support of the bill.

2. Spread the Word

Download and share our [social media toolkit](#) to help raise awareness and amplify support for the CCSA.

Your voices are essential to building momentum and advancing survivorship policy in Congress.

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- Call (202) 224-3121 ask for your Representative or click on your Representative’s website and call the office directly
- Ask for the Legislative Assistant that handles health care policy
- Introduce yourself as a constituent and explain your connection to cancer survivorship
- Urge them to cosponsor HR 8839 Lainie Jones Comprehensive Cancer Survivorship Act (CCSA)

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