

State Policy Update

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Why State Advocacy?

- Legislative action at the state level is increasingly shaping cancer care and the practice of oncology
- A law enacted in one state can create a model for other states
- States serve as incubators for federal policymaking

State Advocacy Priority: Utilization Management

- Prior Authorization
- Step Therapy
- Pharmacy Benefit Managers
- Copay Accumulators



Dr. Marc Nuttall, Utah Society President, with Senator Bramble at a copay accumulator bill press event

Issue Spotlight: Prior Authorization

- **Mississippi:** Require response within two working days for nonurgent circumstances & 24 hours if urgent, standardized electronic prior authorization forms, & clinical review criteria to be evidence-based & based on nationally recognized standards
- **Virginia and Washington:** Require insurers to build & maintain electronic prior authorization systems
- **Arkansas, California, Kentucky, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, & West Virginia** have introduced gold card legislation

State Advocacy Priority: Access to Care

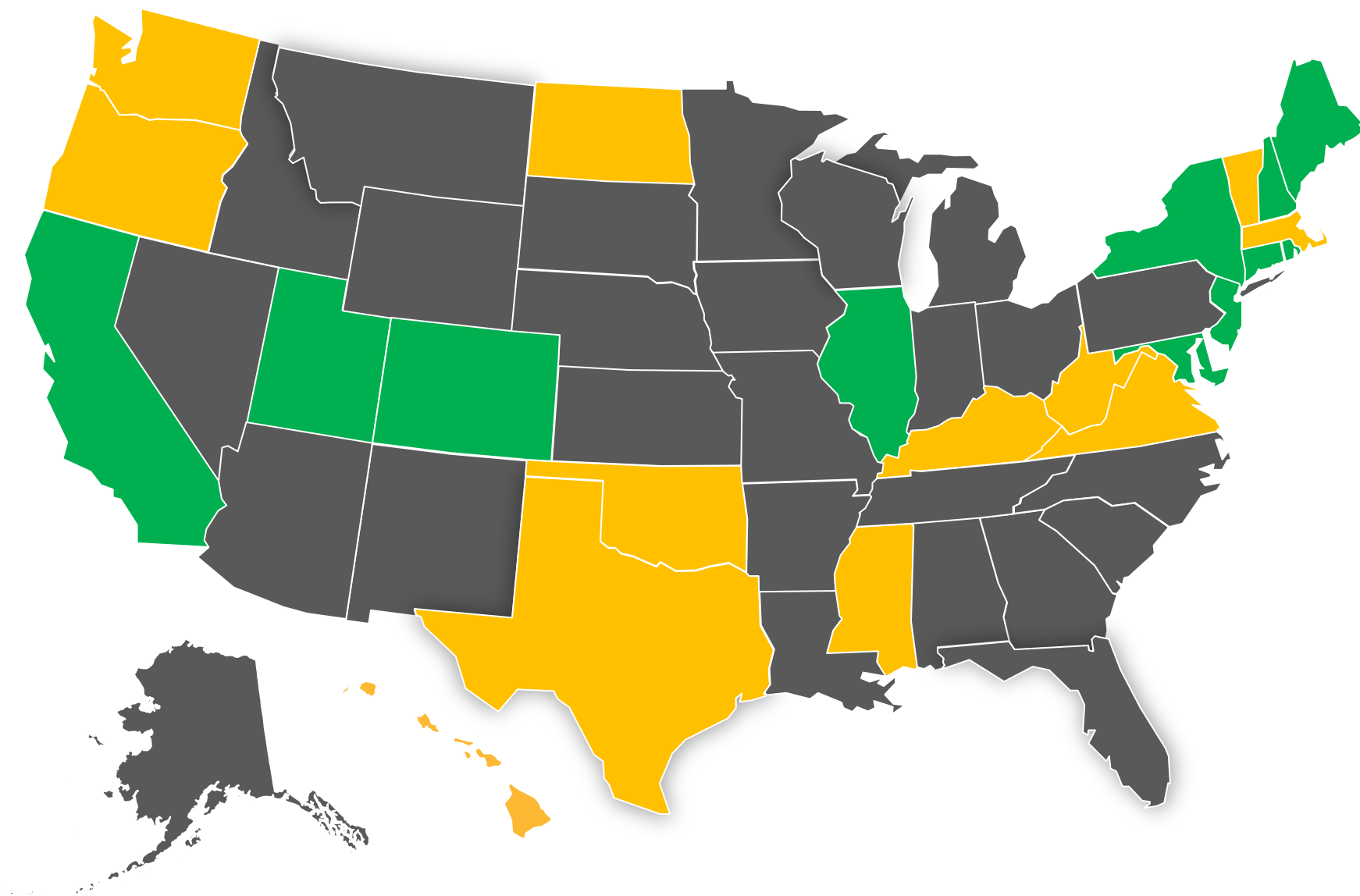
- Fertility Preservation
- Medicaid Expansion
- Telemedicine
- Drug Repository Programs
- Short-Term Limited Duration Plans



Dr. Yogesh Jethava, Indiana Society Board member, testifies in support of drug repository legislation

Issue Spotlight: Fertility Preservation

- ASCO believes oncologists should discuss fertility options with patients of reproductive age before starting treatment and supports legislation covering fertility preservation for patients with cancer



■ 12 states have enacted coverage:
CA, CT, CO, DE, IL, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, RI, UT

■ 13 states introduced legislation in 2023:
DC, HI, KY, MA, MS, ND, OK, OR, TX, VT, VA, WA, WV

ASCO & State Affiliates: Partners in Advocacy

ASCO supports State Affiliates by:

- Providing state advocacy toolkits and policy statements
- Analyzing state legislation
- Drafting & submitting comment letters
- Preparing testimony for state hearings and meetings
- Coordinating grassroots alerts through the State ACT Network

Iowa 2022 Election

- Republican 'trifecta' at the **state level**
- **U.S. Senate** race & all four **U.S. House** races went Republican
- **State House:** 60 Republicans, 40 Democrats
- **State Senate:** 32 Republicans, 18 Democrats

2023 Iowa Legislation

- **Non-Medical Switching HF 96/SF 86** (Rep. Tom Moore/Sen. Mike Klimesh): Protects patients from non-medical switching of medications
- **Pharmacy Benefit Managers/Copay Accumulators SF 333** (Sen. Mike Klimesh): Eliminates copay accumulator programs and PBM steering
- **Medicaid Work Requirements HF 3** (Rep. Brooke Boden): Requires Iowa Department of Health and Human Services to submit a Medicaid work requirement waiver

Why Testify at a Committee Hearing?



Dr. Joseph Muscato, MD, FACP, testifies against a bill that would have undone Missouri's Medicaid Expansion efforts.

- It is one of the most effective ways to engage with your state policymakers
- It is crucial for lawmakers who rely on expert constituents for policy decision making
- Compelling testimony can spark important debate and sway legislators who are on the fence
- As a cancer care professional who interacts with your lawmakers' constituents daily, you are in a unique position to share stories that can influence the outcome of legislation

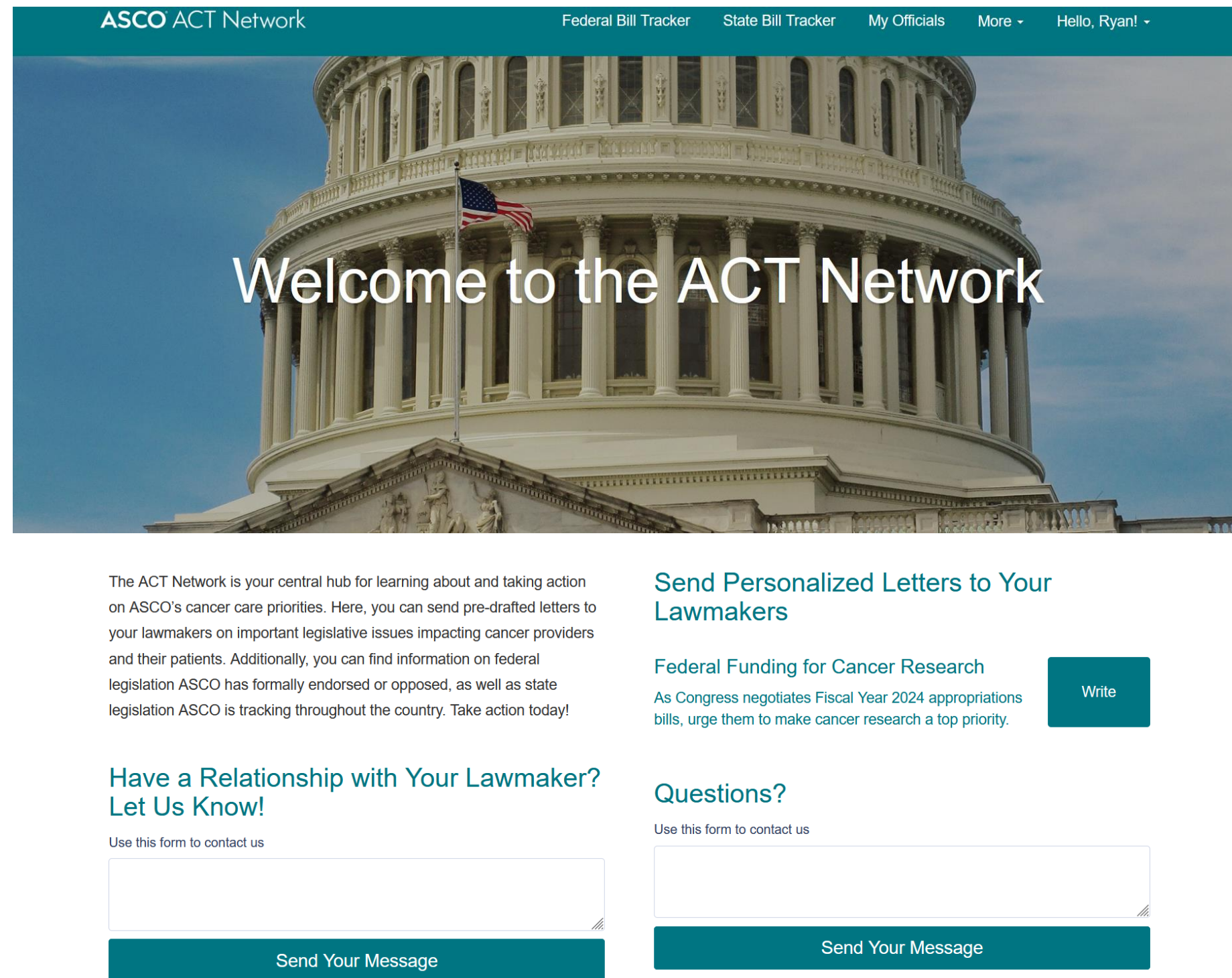
ASCO Advocacy: Get Involved!

ASCO[®] ACT Network

- Action alerts with ASCO position on key bills
- Provides draft messages you can personalize & send to your lawmakers
- Visit www.asco.org/ACTNetwork

Advocacy at Home

- Meet with your lawmakers while they are in the state or district
- Contact grassroots@asco.org to participate
- *We are expanding Advocacy at Home to state officials this year



The screenshot shows the ASCO ACT Network website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "Federal Bill Tracker", "State Bill Tracker", "My Officials", "More", and a user greeting "Hello, Ryan!". The main header features a large image of the U.S. Capitol dome with the text "Welcome to the ACT Network". Below this, there are several sections: "Send Personalized Letters to Your Lawmakers" with a "Write" button, "Federal Funding for Cancer Research" with a "Write" button, "Have a Relationship with Your Lawmaker? Let Us Know!" with a "Send Your Message" button, and "Questions?" with a "Send Your Message" button. A descriptive paragraph on the left explains that the ACT Network is a central hub for learning about and taking action on ASCO's cancer care priorities, including sending pre-drafted letters to lawmakers and finding information on federal and state legislation.

Questions?

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