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ASCO Legislative Update

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Iowa 2024 State Legislature Stats



- January 8 – April 16, 2024
- Committee “Funnel” Deadline 2/16, Crossover “Funnel” Deadline 2/23
- House: 64 Republicans, 36 Democrats
- Senate: 34 Republicans, 16 Democrats
- Governor Kim Reynolds (R)

2024 Iowa State Legislative Priorities



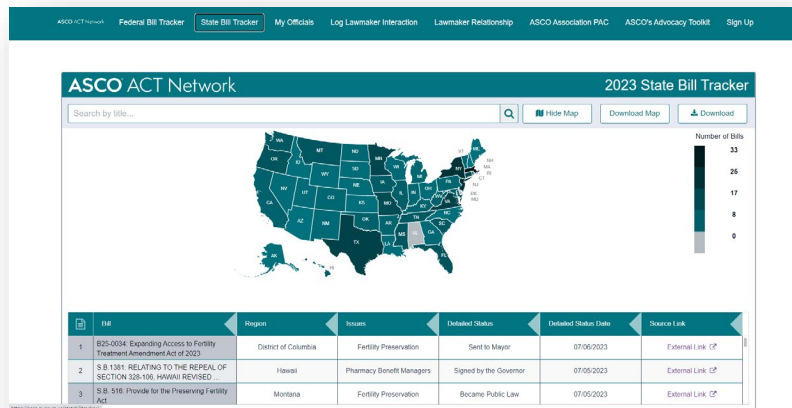
ASCO/IOS Support:

- HF 626 – Nonmedical switching of medications
- HF 2488 – Prior authorization
- HF 2473 – Copay accumulators

2024 Nationwide State Outlook

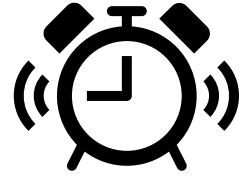
- 46 states + Washington, D.C. holding legislative sessions
- Governors: 27 Republicans, 23 Democrats
- Trifectas: 23 GOP, 17 Dem
- ASCO anticipates less action than in 2023 as lawmakers focus more energy on the November 2024 elections

Key State Advocacy Issues in 2024



- Prior Authorization
- Step Therapy
- Pharmacy Benefit Managers
- Copay Accumulators
- Non-Medical Switching
- Drug Repository Programs
- Fertility Preservation
- Medicaid Expansion
- Drug Pricing
- White Bagging

Utilization Management



- ASCO supports a broad array of prior authorization legislation:
 - Timely access to care requirements (timelines)
 - Electronic prior authorization/standardized form requirements
 - Volume reduction ("gold carding")

White Bagging and Brown Bagging

- ASCO supports legislation to prohibit payer-mandated white bagging and all instances of brown bagging



Fertility Preservation Coverage



- ASCO supports coverage of fertility preservation treatments for patients with cancer
- Georgia, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Virginia have active legislation

Copay Accumulators

- ASCO support state level efforts to ban copay accumulator programs as 19 states already have
- Legislation is active in Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Utah, Vermont, and Wisconsin in 2024



Prescription Drug Affordability Boards and Upper Payment Limits

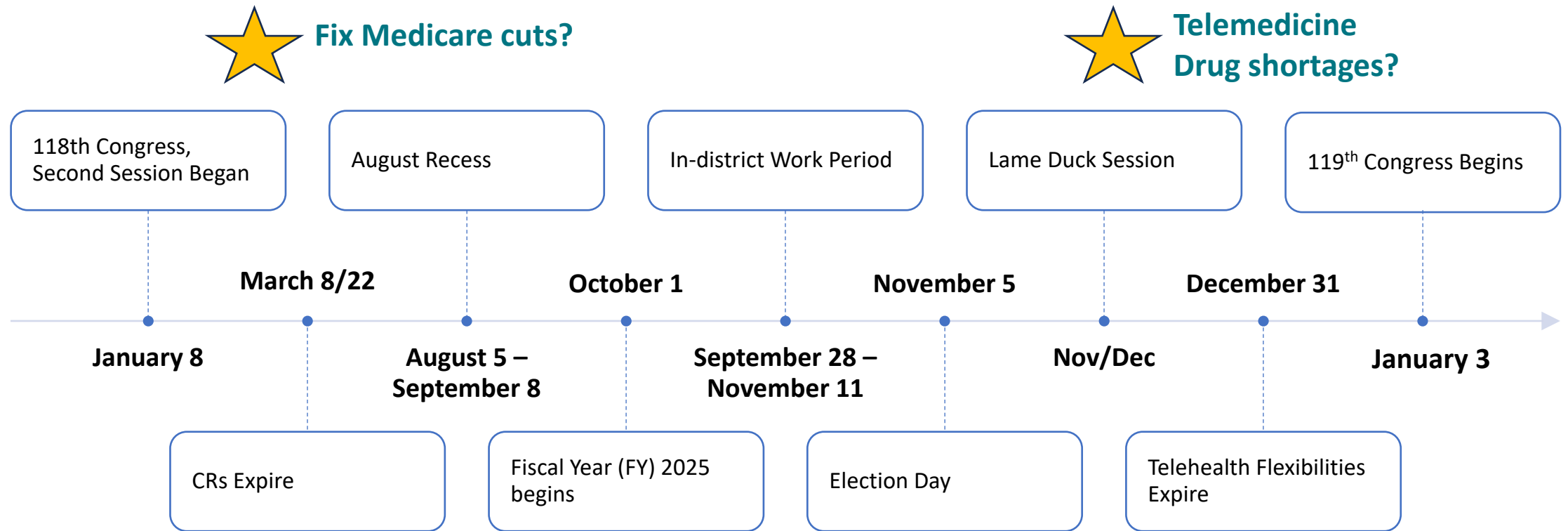


- Concern:
 - Could disproportionately impact oncology drugs
 - Practices may not be adequately reimbursed for cost of storage/handling
- Enacted PDABs: Colorado, Maine*, Maryland*, Minnesota, Oregon*, Washington*
- Monitoring legislation in Arizona, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Nebraska, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin

ASCO Federal Advocacy



118th Congress – Second Session



Failure to pass all 12 appropriations bills by April 30 = 1% cut across the board

Key Issues in the 118th Congress

- Cancer Research Funding
- Drug Shortages
- Medicare Physician Payment Reform
- Telemedicine
- Prior Authorization
- Copay Accumulators



Dr. Brian Persing
House Appropriations Committee

Cancer Drug Shortages

- Media
- Congressional activity
- ASCO clinical guidance
- Coalition engagement
- Grassroots campaign
- Dedicated page on ASCO.org
www.asco.org/drug-shortages



Dr. Julie Gralow
House Energy and
Commerce



Dr. Jason Westin
Senate Finance Committee



Dr. Julie Gralow
House Ways and Means

Act Now

Sign ASCO's Letter from America's Cancer Doctors

Cancer **drug shortages** continue to be a **crisis** for cancer care.

Sign ASCO's letter from America's cancer doctors and providers to add your voice.

Tell policymakers now is the time to fix shortages!



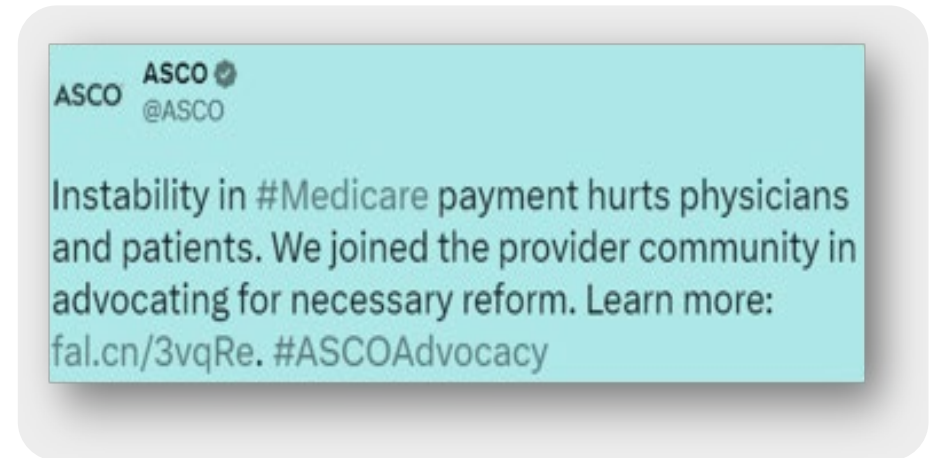
Sign the letter!



asco.quorum.us/campaign/56411


Medicare Physician Payment Reform

- Long-term reform needed
- Educating lawmakers
- Supporting legislation to:
 - Reverse 3.37% cut
 - Provide an inflationary update
 - Extend advanced APM bonus



Telemedicine

Congress extended many telehealth flexibilities through 2024. There is strong bipartisan support for telemedicine.



ASCO is working with lawmakers to advance legislation to permanently extend the flexibilities.

Prior Authorization

Multi-pronged advocacy approach

- Final rules released
- Federal legislation to be reintroduced
- State legislation
- ASCO member survey
- Updated Position Statement in 2022



Copay Accumulators

- ASCO strongly supports banning copay accumulator programs
- Supporting the Help Ensure Lower Patient (HELP) Copays Act (H.R. 830/S. 1375)



ASCO Association Political Action Committee (PAC)

- The ASCO Association PAC helps us engage and educate lawmakers on both sides of the aisle on the current realities of the cancer care delivery system
- In 2023, the PAC supported 35 cancer care champions in their re-election
- Learn more on how to get involved at pac.ascoassociation.org



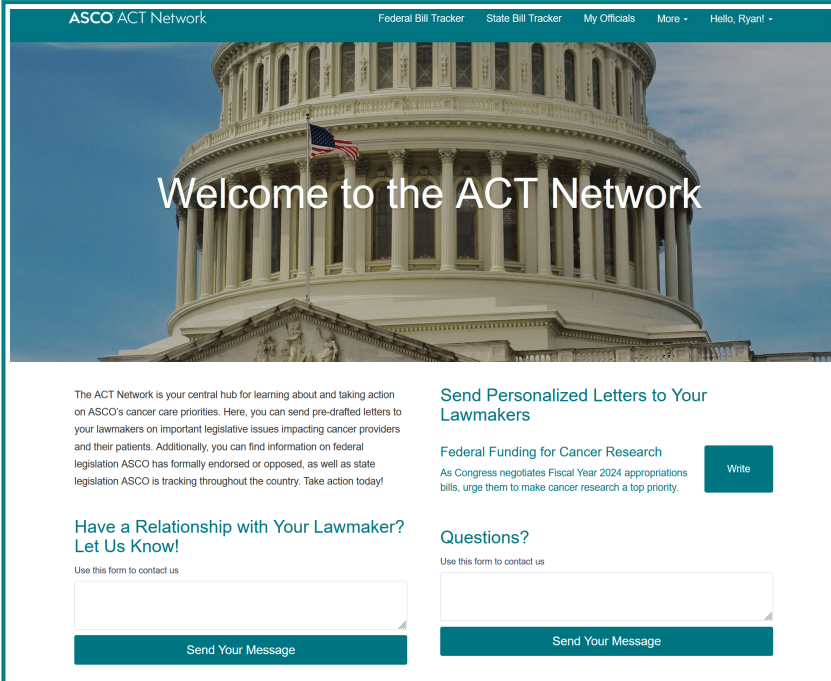
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ASCO[®] ACT Network

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

Advocacy at Home

- Meet with your lawmakers in the state or district



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 "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 three main sections: 1) "The ACT Network is your central hub for learning about and taking action on ASCO's cancer care priorities. Here, you can send pre-drafted letters to your lawmakers on important legislative issues impacting cancer providers and their patients. Additionally, you can find information on federal legislation ASCO has formally endorsed or opposed, as well as state legislation ASCO is tracking throughout the country. Take action today!" 2) "Send Personalized Letters to Your Lawmakers" with a sub-section for "Federal Funding for Cancer Research" and a "Write" button. 3) "Have a Relationship with Your Lawmaker? Let Us Know!" and "Questions?" both with "Use this form to contact us" text and a "Send Your Message" button.

Thank You!

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