Cancer Care Planning and Communications (CCPC) Act: What it Does and How to Get Involved

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The Cancer Care Planning and Communications Act is a bi-partisan health care bill co-sponsored by Congressmen Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA) and Ted Poe (R-TX), who are both cancer survivors and co-chairs of the Congressional Cancer Survivors’ Caucus.
The CCPC Act, H.R. 5160, would establish a new Medicare service for cancer care planning.

A care plan can be developed at diagnosis, when there is a change in the treatment plan, or at the completion of treatment where a survivorship care plan would be developed.
Why is a care plan necessary?

- The IOM National Cancer Policy Forum recommended that patients receive a plan of care at the beginning of treatment.

- After patients finish active treatment, they may transition into a different care system for their survivorship care. These patients require monitoring of the effects of their treatment, for recurrence, and follow-up care.

- A written plan facilitates the transition to survivorship and the ongoing follow-up that is required.
The CCPC Act will help cancer patients through the difficult process of cancer diagnosis, treatment choices, treatment management, and survivorship care by supplying them a written plan or roadmap.

- The CCPC Act will promote shared decision-making between patients and their cancer care teams.

- The CCPC Act will empower patients with information necessary to help manage and coordinate their care.
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• Call your Representative using NCCS’ hotline: (844) 257-6227
• Write your Representative using NCCS’ constituent messaging service on our website, www.canceradvocacy.org
• Share CCPC information on your social media and ask friends and family to call their Representatives
Questions?

If you have any additional questions or would like more information, contact Lindsay Houff at lhouff@canceradvocacy.org