National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

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

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The Cancer Care Planning and Communications Act (CCPCA) is a bipartisan health care bill introduced by Congressmen Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA) and Buddy Carter (R-GA), co-chairs of the Congressional Cancer Survivors’ Caucus.
The CCPC Act would establish a new Medicare service for cancer care planning

- At diagnosis
- When there is a change in the treatment plan
- At the completion of treatment (survivorship care plan)
The CCPC Act will help cancer patients 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.
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American Society for Radiation Oncology
Association of Community Cancer Centers
CancerCare
Cancer Legal Resource Center
Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy
Colorectal Cancer Alliance
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center
H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute
Lacuna Loft
Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center at NYU Langone
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Loma Linda University Cancer Center
LUNGevity Foundation
Lymphoma Research Foundation
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship
National Patient Advocate Foundation
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network
Susan G. Komen
Triage Cancer
The University of Virginia Cancer Center
ZERO – The End of Prostate Cancer
How You Can Help

• Call your Representative using U.S. Capitol Switchboard: **(202) 224-3121**
• Share CCPCA information on your social media and tag your Member of Congress
• Ask friends and family to call their Representatives
• Meet with your Member of Congress during August recess
August Recess

• Members of Congress are back in their districts in August. This is a great time to meet with representatives because they aren’t as busy and want to make sure their constituents are happy.
• NCCS suggests scheduling a meeting with House representatives since CCPCA hasn’t been introduced in the Senate yet.
• Your representative has multiple office locations in the district, so before calling to schedule, pick a location that is convenient for you.
Scheduling a Meeting

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Offices

Washington, DC Office
1239 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-2815

Hermitage Office
4201 Dominion Blvd
Suite 110
Glen Allen, VA 23060
(804) 401-4110

Spotsylvania Office
9104 Courthouse Rd.
Room 249
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Choose which location works best for you!
The Meeting

• Bring a copy of the fact sheet (download at www.canceradvocacy.org/toolkit)
• Brief introductions
  • Name, city, connection to cancer, NCCS advocate
• Purpose of the meeting
  • I am here to talk about the Cancer Care Planning and Communications Act
• Share your story
• Ask if they will cosponsor the CCPCA
CCPCA: How To Visit Congressional District Offices

Advocating for legislation doesn’t only happen in Washington, DC, but back home in the district as well, especially during district work days when Congress is not in session.

All senators and representatives in Congress have offices in their state or home district where constituents can meet with their representatives. Many Members of Congress also often host local events like town halls or coffee conversations. These are excellent opportunities to speak with the Member or their staff about why H.R. 3835, the CCPCA is so important.
NCCS CCPC Act Resources

Visit [www.canceradvocacy.org/ccpca](http://www.canceradvocacy.org/ccpca) for more information.

The Cancer Care Planning and Communications (CCPC) Act

Providing Cancer Patients a Plan for Treatment and Survivorship

Congressman Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA) and Congressman Ted Poe (R-TX) recently introduced the bipartisan Cancer Care Planning and Communications (CCPC) Act, H.R. 5160. As Reps. DeSaulnier and Poe are both cancer survivors, they understand the physical and emotional benefits of care planning for patients and their families facing a cancer diagnosis.

Most cancer patients still do not receive a written plan that explains their diagnosis, prognosis, treatment, and expected symptoms, leaving them to navigate the complexities of a cancer diagnosis without clear direction or knowing what to expect from their care. Research has confirmed that coordinated cancer care outlined in a written care plan—care that integrates active treatment and symptom management—improves patient outcomes, increases patient satisfaction, and reduces utilization of health care resources.

Pilots don’t take off without a flight pattern, and battles don’t break ground without a blueprint. Patients diagnosed with cancer are taking the journey of their lives, literally, so the role of the cancer treatment plan in starting a conversation, in promoting comprehension and retention, in
Questions?

If you have any additional questions or would like more information, email us at cpat@canceradvocacy.org