

National Support

Lisa Lacasse, President of American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network said, *“With over 2 million people in America expected to be diagnosed with cancer in 2025, more than half of whom are over age 65, the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act would expand access to cancer screenings in Medicare. The bill allows the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to initiate an evidence-based coverage process for new, innovative multi-cancer screening tests once approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and clinical benefit is shown. Cancer screening and early detection are key priorities for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) because when cancer is detected at an earlier stage, it is often easier and less costly to treat, and patients are more likely to survive. We look forward to working with Congress to see this bill passed as soon as possible.”*

Meagan O’Neill, Executive Director, Association of Cancer Care Centers, said, *“MCED tests hold tremendous potential to transform cancer care by enabling earlier detection, but their promise hinges on accessibility. ACCC commends the nearly 400 members of Congress who supported this pivotal legislation last year and is thrilled to see it reintroduced today. Collaboration will be key to its passage, and ACCC is committed to advancing policies that integrate MCED tests to save more lives through earlier cancer detection.”*

Daneen Sekoni, Vice President of Policy & Advocacy, Cancer Support Community, said, *“We are heartened that our leaders in Congress have reintroduced the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act / Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act. This bipartisan legislation, which is supported by nearly 400 members of Congress, would create a new coverage pathway, giving people on Medicare access to new, breakthrough screening technologies that detect cancer. The creation of new cancer screening tests is the first step toward saving more lives by detecting cancers that currently do not have screening tests. As an organization whose mission is to uplift and strengthen people impacted by cancer by providing support, fostering compassionate communities, and breaking down barriers to care, we are grateful to Reps. Arrington, Hudson, Sewell, Ruiz, Miller-Meeks, and Kelly and Senators Crapo, Bennet, Scott, and Wyden for prioritizing patient access to the latest cancer screening technology. We look forward to swift passage of an already widely supported bill.”*

Molly McDonnell, Vice President of Advocacy, Fight Colorectal Cancer said, *“There is exciting progress being made in the cancer early detection space, and we have seen the power of that in colorectal cancer. Access to tools like MCED tests can help catch cancer earlier when it is easier to treat. We support our leaders in Congress who are dedicated to changing the statistics around cancer in this country by advancing this effort.”*

President and CEO Laurie Fenton Ambrose, GO2 for Lung Cancer said, *“The lung cancer community understands the importance of cancer screening tests. Earlier detection allows for more treatment options, and, potentially, a cure. In the case of lung cancer, fewer than six percent of eligible Americans have been screened, and some states have screening rates as low as one percent. This is why access to MCED tests through this legislation is so critical. We urge Congress to pick up on the incredible support this bill enjoyed last year and quickly pass it.”*

Christine E. Hamp, President, National Grange said, *“Cancer has a unique impact on rural Americans, where early detection is hindered by limited access to specialty care. Access to MCED tests could bring the latest screening technology to communities who often don’t get to enjoy the latest technology that allows them to take control of their health. This legislation can reduce rural healthcare disparities by finding more cancers earlier - improving outcomes. We’re proud to support the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act / Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act, now reintroduced in Congress. We urge lawmakers to act swiftly to pass it.”*

Dr. Gary Puckrein, President and CEO of the National Minority Quality Forum said, *“Passage of the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act / Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act is essential for communities who face barriers to routine cancer screenings. Multi-cancer early detection tests are a breakthrough science that has brought us to the edge of the war on cancer. However, nearly half of the American population on public insurance - including medically underserved, minoritized and poor communities - do not have access to life-saving technology. For the communities NMQF works in nationwide - from Flint to Houston to Selma - the people know that access to multi-cancer early detection tests could mean life or death. We are glad to see this widely supported legislation be put forth in front of Congress once again with its reintroduction. Now is the time for passage.”*

Audra Moran, President and CEO, Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance said, *“The reintroduction of the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act marks an important step forward in the fight against ovarian and other cancers. Multi-cancer early detection tests have the potential to transform outcomes for the 20,000 people who will face an ovarian cancer diagnosis this year. Passing this legislation is critical to ensuring Medicare beneficiaries have access to these groundbreaking tools that can improve cancer outcomes and enhance quality of life. We are grateful to Reps. Arrington, Hudson, Sewell, Ruiz, Miller-Meeks, and Kelly, as well as Senators Crapo, Bennet, Scott, and Wyden, for their leadership and commitment to putting patients first.”*

Jody Hoyos, CEO, Prevent Cancer Foundation said, *“We have the opportunity to chart a course that revolutionizes the ability to detect cancer in earlier stages, leading to lives and families saved. It’s time to seize that opportunity and ensure that Medicare beneficiaries have access to multi-cancer early detection tests following FDA*

approval. We are grateful to Reps. Arrington, Hudson, Sewell, Ruiz, Miller-Meeks, and Kelly and Senators Crapo, Bennet, Scott, and Wyden for recognizing the need and standing up for Americans.”

State Support

Idaho: Susie Keller, Chief Executive Officer of the Idaho Medical Association said, *“Congress has an opportunity to improve access to innovative cancer screenings and transform cancer care for Idaho seniors while reducing Medicare spending,”* said Susie Keller, Chief Executive Officer of the Idaho Medical Association. *“Seven in ten cancer deaths are caused by cancers for which there are currently no covered screening tests, which are often diagnosed at an advanced stage. Thanks to Senator Crapo’s leadership, more than 500 advocates and nearly 400 members of Congress have already signaled their support for this legislation. We are proud to support this legislation and urge Congress to pass it swiftly.”*

Alabama: Jim Crandall, Founder of Laura Crandall Brown Foundation said, *“Rep. Terri Sewell’s leadership on the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act is a beacon of hope for countless lives. By creating a pathway for Medicare coverage of innovative blood tests that detect cancers earlier, she is paving the way for a future where prevention and early detection save more families from heartbreak. We are inspired by her dedication and hopeful that this year marks a historic step forward in the fight against cancer.”*

Colorado: Erika Hanson Brown, Founder and CEO, One Cancer Place said, *“We applaud Senator Bennet for his commitment to the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act. This vital legislation paves the way for Medicare to provide coverage for groundbreaking cancer screenings, offering new hope to millions of Americans. Multi-cancer early detection is a game-changer in the fight against cancer, and this bill is a significant step toward ensuring access to those who need it most. Senator Bennet’s steadfast commitment to improving cancer care will make a profound difference in the lives of patients, families, and caregivers across the nation.”*

Illinois: Beulah Brent, CEO of Sisters Working It Out said, *“We applaud Rep. Robin Kelly for taking up the mantle of MCED access. Reintroducing H.R.842 is a powerful signal that Congress is serious about turning the tide in the war on cancer. It’s well-established that cancer is easiest to treat when it’s detected in the earlier stages and these groundbreaking, minimally-invasive cancer screenings represent an opportunity to radically transform cancer detection and treatment. We strongly urge Congress to pass this bipartisan bill swiftly.”*

Iowa: Dwight Baldwin, President, Iowa State Grange said, *“We extend our gratitude to Representative Miller-Meeks for reintroducing H.R.842, which would create a path forward for meaningful access to multi-cancer early detection tests for Iowans and*

improve screening access for rural Americans. We are proud to once again join in the chorus that calls on Congress to swiftly pass this bill.

North Carolina: Jimmy Gentry, President of North Carolina State Grange said, *“Nearly 1 in 5 Americans live in rural areas and cancer deaths in these rural areas are 14% higher than urban areas. No matter where you live, everyone should have the same chance at beating cancer. We were thrilled to see Representative Hudson reintroduce the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act and we are looking forward to seeing Congress pass the bill this year.”*

Oregon: Anna DeMers, cancer survivor and Board President of the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Oregon & SW Washington said, *“We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Senator Wyden for his long dedication to improving the health and well-being of Oregonians. We appreciate your leadership in championing the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act, an important step forward in advancing access to life-saving cancer screenings for seniors. We are proud to walk alongside you in this effort and are looking forward to working together to pass the bill this year.”*

South Carolina: Palmetto Health Collective said, *“We are deeply grateful to Senator Scott for his years of leadership in reintroducing the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act. This legislation creates a Medicare coverage pathway for multi-cancer early detection screening tests, bringing promise to seniors in South Carolina and nationwide. We are proud to support this effort and appreciate Senator Scott’s commitment to expanding access to innovative, life-changing technologies.”*

Texas: Tom Aldred, Executive Director of the Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute said, *“We are thrilled to see Congressman Jodey Arrington reintroduce H.R.842. As long-time supporters of this legislation, we strongly believe that MCED has the potential to save billions of dollars in treatment costs annually, and more importantly save thousands of lives. We urge Congress to move quickly to enact this legislation into law this year.”*