

## **Please Co-Sponsor H.R. 3675 — the National Quality Cancer Care Demonstration Project Act of 2009**

*This House Bill Helps Foster the Delivery of Quality, Cost-Efficient Cancer Care*

Please support cancer care and help foster the delivery of quality, cost-efficient cancer care by co-sponsoring H.R. 3675. This bill was introduced by Congressman Artur Davis (D-AL) and cosponsored by Representatives Steve Israel (D-NY), Mary Jo Kilroy (D-OH), Joe Courtney (D-CT), and Adam Schiff (D-CA).

The *National Quality Cancer Care Demonstration Act Project of 2009* (H.R. 3675) is a landmark, national initiative intended to enhance the quality of cancer care, focused on seniors covered by Medicare (approximately 45% of cancer patients are Medicare beneficiaries), while also controlling costs. It was developed with input from community oncologists and other members of the oncology care team, in conjunction with policy experts, to be a Medicare demonstration project focused on two key aspects of cancer care: treatment planning and follow-up care planning.

Treatment planning involves all of the essential components of establishing the cancer care plan and monitoring its effectiveness. Follow-up care planning involves all of the essential components of patient-centric, cancer survivorship relating to individuals who have completed their primary cancer treatment. H.R. 3675 calls for national reporting, via the Medicare payment system, of key metrics of evidence-based care, refinement of those metrics, and development of a new Medicare performance-based reimbursement system that is patient-centric and quality driven, while aligning better with parameters of cost control.

### ***Goals***

- Enhance the delivery of quality cancer care provided to Medicare beneficiaries.
- Control Medicare costs for beneficiary care.
- Evolve and modernize the Medicare payment system for cancer care in a way that ensures quality and cost control.
- Align the payment system with results.

### ***Features***

- Establishes a national Medicare demonstration project to be implemented by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) open to all oncology practices.
- Designed to address current shortcomings in quality metrics and aligned incentives in the areas of treatment planning and follow-up care planning.
- Involves the reporting by oncologists, via the Medicare reimbursement system, of performance quality measures relating to treatment planning and follow-up care planning and the refinement of those measures.
- Allocates \$300 million per year in Medicare funding to produce a revised payment system based on quality and cost-efficiency in a true pay-for-performance model.

### ***Benefits***

- Incorporates the key elements under discussion in the healthcare reform debate — quality care delivery, evidence-based medicine, care coordination, patient-centric, cost control, and health information technology — in producing an evolved payment system.
- Action-oriented and not another concept — substantive, developed project that can be implemented within 6 months by CMS open to all oncology practices nationwide.
- Can serve as a model for other areas of medical care.

Please cosponsor H.R. 3675 by contacting Erika Appel (202-225-2665) in Congressman Davis' office.

***The cancer community in your district thanks you for your help!***