

Stop Cancer Care Cuts Petition

Please Sign the Petition to *Stop Cancer Care Cuts*

- The government is cutting Medicare payments for cancer care in 2010 and will continue to make cuts through 2013. Medicare pays for about 50% of cancer care — it influences how insurance companies pay for cancer care. So, these cuts impact all cancer care.
- Medicare has severely cut payments for cancer care — over 25% since 2004. Now, the government will make more payment cuts. For example, Medicare will decrease payments for the administration of life-saving cancer drugs by 5% next year and close to 20% by 2013. Payment cuts will also be made to imaging tests — such as PET and CT scans — that help find and manage cancer. And on top of this, there will be a 21% payment cut for all physicians' services as of March 2010.
- The payment cuts already made are impacting doctors' ability to treat patients. Cancer clinics cannot continue to operate when their costs are greater than revenues. Absorbing more payment cuts is not sustainable. Some clinics have closed; others have had to reduce staff and send patients elsewhere for treatment. This is not meant to scare anyone; just inform everyone about a very serious situation.
- The United States has the world's best cancer care as judged by increased survival and quality of life for people with cancer. But cancer care is in crisis and health care reform needs to fix it. This is not about politics. This is about Americans who have and will get cancer.

**Please sign the petition
that will be sent to President Obama and the Congress
to *Stop Cancer Care Cuts***

Anyone concerned about the future of cancer care in this country should sign this petition. That includes members of the cancer care delivery team, cancer patients, caregivers, survivors, and any American concerned about cancer care.

Go to www.communityoncology.org/coa-petition/ for more information and to sign the

Stop Cancer Care Cuts petition.