



Livestrong

Access to Care

We must ensure everyone, no matter your zip code or how much money you have in your wallet, has the ability to get treated

What does Access mean to Livestrong

Access means that affordable, appropriate, and community-based treatment options are readily available to all who need them.

- Patient protections and essential health benefits should be enforced in U.S. healthcare reform
- Coverage should include everything a patient needs to heal no matter where they are in their cancer journey
- Payers or providers should be incentivized based on the patient-centered value they deliver, not the volume of cases

Access to care is a worldwide issue

We have an opportunity to bend the curve of cancer around the world – it is time to act.

National health programs should establish ways to track the burden of disease and its effect on their communities

- National health programs must establish ways to better track the financial and social impact of the disease
- Development of standard practices for prevention, treatment and support should be an important part of public education and medical practice
- Member states of the United Nations should work together toward global cancer quality of life improvement and mortality decline through investments and agreements

INFOCUS

Livestrong advocates are actively involved in advocacy efforts across the US. Here are examples of our advocates most recent efforts.

National: H R 1966

Henrietta Lacks Enhancing Cancer Research Act of 2019

To complete a study on barriers to participation in federally funded cancer clinical trials by populations traditionally underrepresented.

Texas: HR 293

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87th Texas Legislature*

Relating to health benefit coverage for certain fertility preservation services under certain health benefit plans

From the Library

[Parenthood After Cancer: Protecting Options for Survivors](#)

[ICON Global EQ: Inequities in Cancer Care for Black Americans](#)

Advocacy Highlights

[Medicare Part D Modernization Letter](#)

[HR 293 Fact Sheet](#)

[Letter to the Hill 2020](#)