



SENIORS' ACCESS TO CRITICAL MEDICATIONS ACT STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT

CO-SPONSOR STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT:

Congresswoman Carol Miller (R-WV-1):

"It is vital that people who are dealing with old age or life-threatening illnesses can easily access necessary prescriptions. CMS' current restrictions make it more challenging for Medicare beneficiaries to obtain medication by limiting pick-up only to the patients themselves. In my home state of West Virginia, it can take hours for a patient just to get to their nearest physician and they simply do not have that kind of time to waste when it comes to their health. That's why I am glad to join Congresswoman Harshbarger in reintroducing the Seniors' Access to Critical Medications Act which allows patients to receive their prescriptions either through mail or by having a family member or caregiver pick up the medication on their behalf. This bill removes any barriers that prevents Medicare patients from fully accessing life-sustaining treatment," **said Congresswoman Miller (WV-1)**

Congressman Crenshaw (R-TX-2):

"When bureaucratic red tape from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) prevents patients from receiving critical care, the government is failing to serve the interests of the American people. This policy change cuts through that nonsense, making sure independent doctors can mail essential medications directly to their patients—especially critical for homebound seniors and those in rural areas," **said Congressman Crenshaw (TX-2)**

Congressman Soto (D-FL-09):

"Seniors deserve reliable and affordable access to the medications they need to stay healthy. We're working to cut through unnecessary red tape and ensure that our seniors can access life-saving treatments without delays. This bipartisan effort is about putting the health and well-being of our seniors first." —**Congressman Soto (FL-09)**

ADVOCACY GROUP STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT:

Community Oncology Alliance:

*“The Seniors’ Access to Critical Medications Act is a lifeline to patients with cancer and other serious illnesses who simply are too sick or lack transportation to personally pick up their medications. On behalf of patients and providers across the country, thank you to Representatives Harshbarger and Wasserman Schultz for leading the introduction of this critical legislation,” said **Ted Okon, executive director of the Community Oncology Alliance (COA)**. “Shame on the prior CMS for the misguided policy that puts harmful obstacles in the way of seniors accessing the potentially life-saving medications they need. Congress must act yet again to stop the inhumane and harmful CMS obstacles.*

Tennessee Oncology:

*“Once again, Congresswoman Harshbarger is advocating for patients and we, at Tennessee Oncology, are so appreciative for all her efforts. Ensuring timely access to life-saving medications is critical, especially for seniors and patients battling cancer. Allowing integrated pharmacies to mail essential medications can help reduce delays, improve adherence, and enhance patient outcomes—particularly for those in rural or underserved areas who may struggle with frequent pharmacy and office visits. I think we all can agree that allowing cancer patients to spend more time at home with loved ones is important. The bill passed the House in the last Congress on September 23, 2024, with overwhelming bipartisan support. This is a no-brainer to pass this legislation in the House in this Congress to improve access to patients. “—**L. Johnetta Blakely, MD, MS, MMHC, Executive Vice President of Quality and Clinic Operations***

Large Urology Group Practice Association

*“We applaud Reps. Harshbarger and Wasserman Shultz and their bipartisan colleagues for leading on this important legislation,” said **LUGPA President Scott B. Sellinger, MD**. “These practical, patient-friendly reforms will strengthen care continuity, and help ensure Medicare beneficiaries can access their medications by reducing logistical barriers, while also maintaining common sense safeguards. We urge Congress to swiftly pass the Seniors’ Access to Critical Medications Act.”*