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The National Oncology State Network (NOSN) stands alongside our Oncology partners in opposing the Trump Administration's Executive Order known as "Lowering Drug Prices by Putting Americans First". NOSN knows there are prices of some drugs in the United States that have reached levels of prohibitive for the consumer, which reduces access to care. However, the Executive Order does not address or correct the contributing causes affecting the increased drug costs. Failure to address these United States specific const-contributing factors in the United States. This is not an issue to ramrod though in a simplistic manner.

This "Most Favored Nation" (MFN) model would base prices for certain Medicare Part B and Part D drugs and biologics on the lowest price offered in foreign countries. Foreign countries are not the United States! We echo our partners in opposition to this order by emphasizing this policy threatens to significantly reduce development of oncologist-administered cancer medicines and limit access to prescription cancer drugs during a global pandemic. The United States is currently the pre-eminent developer of drugs than any foreign country in the world.

The National Oncology State Network is a non-profit action organization established by state oncology leaders, collaborating on emerging state issues in order to strengthen cancer care and policy across the country. Our focus is "Patient Access Equality" and the MFN policy runs directly counter to this goal.

Our nation's most vulnerable seniors rely on the medicines covered under Medicare Part B and Part D. Implementing a "Most Favored Nation" policy could result in restricted access to new treatments and potential cures, in many cases for seniors who are cancer patients. While we battle the COVID-19 pandemic with many senior cancer patients already struggling with limited access to care and cancer screenings, NOSN strongly opposes this "Most Favored Nation" Executive Order and urges the Administration to work toward solutions that put patients first.



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