

NCI Legislative Update

National Cancer Advisory Board

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Legislative Activities

Appropriations Status

Legislation (Enacted)

Legislation (Pending)

FY 09 Appropriations Status

- President's Budget
 - NIH - \$ 29.3 Billion
 - NCI - \$ 4.809 Billion
- House Draft Bill
 - NIH - \$ 30.380 Billion
 - NCI - \$ 4.975 Billion
- Senate Bill (S 3230)
 - NIH - \$ 30.255 Billion
 - NCI - \$ 4.959 Billion

FY 09 Appropriations Status

- House Action
 - HHS Hearing March 5
 - Subcommittee approved June 19
 - Full Committee markup did not occur
- Senate Action
 - NIH Hearing July 16
 - Subcommittee approved June 24
 - Full Committee marked up June 26
 - Full Committee reported July 8
- Next? CR most likely

FY 08 Appropriations

HR 2462 - Supplemental Spending Bill

- Purpose – to provide \$186.5 billion to cover costs relating to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, for aid, and for various domestic spending programs including NIH
 - NIH receives \$150 Million
 - Of that amount, NCI receives \$25 Million
- Signed into law June 30 (P.L. 110-252)

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Enacted Laws

- ✓ Caroline Pryce Walker Conquer Childhood Cancer Act
- ✓ Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act
- ✓ FY 08 War Supplemental Appropriations

Conquer Childhood Cancer Act

- **HR 1553** – the title of the act was amended to honor the daughter of Rep. Deborah Pryce
- Passed House June 12; and Senate July 16
- Signed into law July 29, 2008 [**PL 110-285**]

Key Provisions

- Expand, intensify pediatric cancer research
 - Information to ensure early access to tx
 - Make available to underserved
- National Childhood Cancer Registry (to include occurrence within weeks)

Medicare Improvements – HR 6331

- Passed House June 24
- Passed Senate July 9
- Vetoed by President July 15
- Veto override July 15 (House 383-41; Senate 70-26)
- Became Public Law 110-275

Key Provisions

- Prevent a 10.6% cut in Medicare physician payment that was scheduled to take effect July 1
- Holds payment at current rate for 18 months

Pending Legislation

- ✓ National Cancer Fund Act
- ✓ NIH Emergency Supplemental Appropriations
- ✓ Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendment
- ✓ Lung Cancer Mortality Reduction Rate
- ✓ Quit Smoking for Life Act
- ✓ *Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act*

National Cancer Fund Act

HR 6791 – Introduced August 1, 2008 by Rep. Brian Higgins (D-NY)

- Establish a National Cancer Fund in US Treasury
 - Cancer research
 - Study long term survivor effects
 - Expand CDC early detection programs
 - Implement nationwide tobacco cessation program
 - Support regulatory sciences (speed biomarker dev.)
- Would increase excise taxes on tobacco products
- Make Changes to PCP
 - Increase to 5 members
 - Recommend use of funds to better integrate federally funded cancer programs

NIH Emergency Supplemental

S 3272 – Introduced July 16 by Sen. Specter

- Provide supplemental appropriations to NIH for FY 2008 totaling \$5.2 billion
- \$4 billion to NCI OD (to be distributed among ICs)
- \$1.2 billion to NCI

Lung Cancer Morality Reduction

S 3187 introduced June 25 by Sen. Hagel

- Create lung cancer advisory board within HHS
- Implement program to reduce lung cancer by 50%
- Establish early disease research and management program targeted at high incidence and mortality among minority/low income populations
- Provide incentives for development of chemoprevention drugs and new agents to reduce nicotine addiction

Other Pending Legislation

HR 5687 introduced April 3 by Rep. Clay; passed House June 24

- Amendment to FACA – Can not consider political affiliation or political activity when appointing
- Increases transparency (e.g. who nominated)
- Expands conflict of interest disclosure

HR 6393 introduced June 26 by Rep. DeGette

- Medicare and Medicaid to cover diagnostic, therapy, and counseling services for tobacco cessation (and eliminates deductible)
- Covers tobacco cessation agents under Medicare (D)
- Promotes tobacco cessation under Maternal and Child Health Program

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