

# NCI Legislative Update

Clinical Trials and Translational Research Advisory  
Committee (CTAC)

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# FY 2010 Appropriations Activities

- President's Budget released May 7
  - NIH - \$30.8 Billion
  - NCI - \$ 5.15 Billion
  - NIH "Cancer" - \$ 6 Billion
- House hearing on NIH budget - March 26
- Senate hearing on NIH budget - May 21
- Subcommittee Work
  - Allocations to Subcommittees
  - Bills drafted by Subcommittees

# Labor, HHS Education Bill - Timeline

- House

- July 10 - Subcommittee consideration

- NIH \$31.3B, \$500M+ PB and \$941M + FY2009 enacted

- July 17– Full Committee consideration

- July 24 – Vote on House floor

- Senate

- No dates set – Chairman stated intention to pass all 12 bills before end of Fiscal Year

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# Legislative Highlights

- ✓ Kennedy Cancer Bill
- ✓ Comparative Effectiveness Research Bills
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  - Healthy Americans Act
  - Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Act
- ✓ Tobacco Bill

## S 717

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cancer Access to Life-Saving Early Detection Research and Treatment (ALERT)

- Introduced by Sens. Kennedy and Hutchison on March 26, 2009.
- Referred to Senate HELP Committee

#### Provisions of Introduced Version Related to NCI

- Purpose – To enhance and improve the cancer research conducted and supported by NCI and NCP
- Focus on Biospecimens
- Enhance Reporting on Cancer Research

# ALERT Bill

## Recent Discussion Topics

- Options to best provide coordination of NCP
  - May require strategic plan and annual report
- Biorepositories
  - Focus on issues of quality, access
- Rare and low survival cancers
  - Additional reporting

## Timeline

- Will not meet goal of markup before August recess



# Comparative Effectiveness Research Act

## HR 2502

- Introduced May 19 by Rep. Schrader (D-OR)

### Key Provisions

- Establish nonprofit corporation - Health Care Comparative Effectiveness Research Institute
- Create CER trust fund – imposes fee on self-insured health plans and policies
- Require that research be peer reviewed
- Require HHS to make CMS data available
- Require Institute to disseminate findings to clinicians, patients and general public

# Healthy Americans Act

## HR 1321 and S 391

- Introduced by Rep. Eshoo on March 5
- Introduced by Sen. Wyden on February 5
- To provide affordable, guaranteed private health coverage that will make Americans healthier

## Key CER Provisions

- Establish Comparative Effectiveness Advisory Board (AHRQ Director plus 14 members)
  - Board to establish peer review advisory panel
  - Board to recommend at least 1 FFRDC
- Establish Research Trust Fund



# Patient-Centered Outcomes

## S 1213

- Introduced by Sen. Baucus on June 9
- Baucus Chairs Senate Finance Committee (key player in health care reform)

### Key Provisions

- Establish a private, nonprofit corporation
  - Identify national research priorities/agenda
  - Board of Governors (21 members)
- Establish Research Trust Fund

# Cures Acceleration Network and NIH Reauthorization Act

## •S 914

- Introduced by Sen. Specter on April 28

## •Key Provisions

- Establish a new \$2 billion independent agency outside of HHS that would provide funds to translate research discoveries from bench to bedside
- Raises NIH authorization to \$40 billion
- Requires enforcement of COI policies
- Elevates the National Center for Minority Health and HD to Institute status

# Tobacco Bill

Signed into law June 22!

## Key Provisions

- gives FDA authority to regulate the manufacturing, marketing, and sale of tobacco products
- Restrict advertising and promotions
- Require large, graphic warnings on packs
- Ban misleading claims such as “light” “low-tar”
- Funded by user fees on tobacco companies

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# Outlook – 111<sup>th</sup> Congress

- Appropriations Bills
- Health Care Reform – a bill by August recess?
- Supreme Court confirmation

Will there be time for anything else?

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