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National Institutes of Health NCI Legislative Update National Cancer Advisory Board

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Legislative Activities

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### FY 2008 Appropriations

✓ President's Budget announced Feb. 5
 ✓ Budget Resolution passed May 17
 <u>House</u>

✓ NIH Hearing held March 6

- ✓ Subcommittee Allocations June 5
- ✓ Subcommittee Markup June 7
- ✓ Committee Markup June 14
- House Vote Week of June 18

<u>Senate</u>

- ✓ Theme Hearing May 21
- Subcommittee Markup expected in July

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National Cancer Act - S 1056

Cancer Screening, Treatment, and Survivorship Act - HR 2353; S 1415

Bills focused on Screening/Coverage

Breast Cancer Stamp - HR 1064; S 597

Tobacco Bill - HR 1108; S 625

### National Cancer Act-S 1056

•Comprehensive cancer legislation

•Introduced March 29 by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, co-sponsored by Sen. Sam Brownback

•Referred to Senate HELP Committee

•Key NCI provisions

Grants for development of targeted therapy
 Establish national childhood cancer registry
 Expand cancer survivorship programs
 Educational program on clinical trials
 Codification biospecimen registry guidelines
 Other Transaction Authority to NCI Director

### National Cancer Act

Provisions involving other agencies

•CDC

- Colorectal cancer screening demonstration
- Lung cancer detection demonstration
- •FDA
  - Expanded access for compassionate use
  - Development of surrogate endpoints and biomarkers

•CMS

– Cancer related health insurance coverage

### Cancer Screening, Treatment & Survivorship Act

HR 2353 - Rep. Schakowsky May 15S 1415 - Sen. Harkin May 16Screening Research (NIH/NCI)

- Expand research programs to identify and improve cancer screening and testing protocols
- Award grants to advocacy organizations to raise public awareness of screening
- Emphasize cancers with high mortality

**Survivorship Research** (NIH/NCI)

- Expand survivorship research at NCI CCs
- Evaluate models of survivorship care

## Survivorship

### **Grant Program for Detection & Control - CDC**

- Screen for cancer using method graded "A" or "B" by USPSTF
- Provide referrals and f/u services if possible
- Include public information/education
- Monitor quality of screening procedures
- Require matching funds at least 1 dollar nonfederal for every 3 dollars federal funds
- Low income individuals receive priority
- Results of screening placed in permanent medical records
- At least 5 grants each year 2008-2010

## Other Legislation

Numerous new bills focused on specific cancers

- Focus on screening coverage and awareness
- Primarily breast, colon also lung, prostate
- Will track, report on bills that move

**Breast Cancer Stamp Bills** 

Extend stamp authority for 2 years

HR 1064 (Baca); S 597 (Feinstein)

Make stamp authority permanent

– HR 1236 (Clay)

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Will be sending surveys by e-mail and will appreciate feedback from Board members

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