

LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY<sup>®</sup> fighting blood cancers

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### **Our Mission:**

Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. in the fight against blood cancer, your voice can save lives. join us.



# take action today

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Office of Public Policy 10 G Street, NE, Suite 501 Washington DC 20002



LLS is a nonprofit organization that relies on the generosity of individual, foundation and corporate contributions to advance its mission.

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The LLS Office of Public Policy partners with patients, family members, and health care providers across the country to advocate for legislation and policies that help blood cancer patients live longer, better lives. Through state and federal advocacy campaigns, we push for laws that make it easier for patients to access treatments and get us closer to a cure. Together, our voices, letters, and stories are making a difference.

## latest high impact results

- LLS successfully advocated in 2015-2016 for policy changes that provide financial protections for more than 300,000 blood cancer patients in the United States.
- Since 2008, LLS advocates have helped to pass laws in 43 states and the District of Columbia that require health care plans to cover all anti-cancer treatments fairly, regardless of how and where they are administered.
- From 2014-2016, LLS advocates sent more than 30,000 letters to Congress urging support of the 21st Century Cures bill. Those letters helped lead to the overwhelmingly bipartisan passage of the bill, which was signed by President Obama in December 2016.
- LLS advocates sent more than 10,000 letters to Congress in less than a month and successfully lobbied for a \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute.

# state and federal advocacy priorities

• **Cost-sharing Limits** – Advancing laws and regulations limiting the amount that insurance plans can require patients to pay for prescription medications. Our goal is to ensure that neither co-insurance nor high deductibles prohibit patients from accessing the medications prescribed for them.

- Oral Therapy Parity Laws that promote fairness and innovation by preventing insurance plans from requiring patients to pay significantly more out-ofpocket for cancer medications based simply on how those drugs are administered.
- FDA and NIH Reform Policy improvements that can speed the development of safe and effective treatment options for blood cancer patients.
- Health Insurance Discrimination Strong enforcement of rules that prevent health insurers from designing plan coverage in order to deter blood cancer patients from joining their plan.
- Network Adequacy Strengthen the federal and state standards that determine whether an insurance plan's number and type of health providers are sufficient to ensure patients have timely access to the care they need.
- **Transparency** Provide blood cancer patients with all the information they need to make a decision on which health insurance plan is right for them, including which drugs are covered, how much patients will have to pay out-of-pocket for various services, and which providers are participating in the plan.

### your voice can make a difference

When you sign up to be an LLS advocate, you'll join thousands of others who are working to tell legislators and regulators why expanding access to care and accelerating cures are so important. With your knowledge, passion, and energy, we can engage our elected officials in the movement to change blood cancer forever.

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LLS advocates work for the passage of state and federal legislation to ensure patients have access to quality, affordable and coordinated care.

Just fill out the form below to join our network of LLS advocates, and we'll send you information about how you can help save the lives of blood cancer patients, today.

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Survivor (post-treatment)			
	Survivor (in treatment)		

- □ Family Member/ Caregiver
- Healthcare Professional
- □ Other (please specify: \_

### How would you like to help?

- □ Send email to elected officials
- Call elected officials
- □ Attend a meeting with elected officials
- □ Work on a state-based advocacy campaign
- □ Raise awareness through the media
- Other (please specify: \_\_\_\_