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Cancer Screening & Early Detection

Ellevate Louisiana supports policies that expand access to lifesaving cancer screenings, recognizing early detection as one of the most effective tools to reduce cancer mortality and improve outcomes. Expanding coverage for screenings, including prostate and colorectal cancer, should be a key priority this session. Removing barriers to timely and appropriate screening ensures more individuals are diagnosed earlier, when treatment is most effective, ultimately saving lives and reducing long-term healthcare costs.

Biomarker Testing & Clinically Guided Care

Ellevate Louisiana supports access to biomarker testing as a critical component of modern, evidence-based cancer care. These tools enable physicians to match patients with the most effective, targeted therapies based on the biology of their disease. Coverage policies should align with established clinical guidelines and preserve physician decision-making, ensuring that insurance determinations do not override medically appropriate care. Patients should have access to the right treatment at the right time, guided by science and their healthcare provider.

Ensuring Equitable Access to Oral Anti-Cancer Treatments

Policies that support equitable coverage for orally administered anti-cancer medications represent another important advancement for patients. As cancer care continues to evolve, many effective therapies are now available in oral form, allowing patients to receive treatment while maintaining their daily routines and quality of life. Ensuring that oral therapies are covered on a basis no less favorable than infused medications helps ensure that treatment decisions are guided by medical evidence rather than insurance design.



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Compassionate Care for Patients Facing End-of-Life

Legislation addressing access to physician-recommended therapies for terminally ill patients reflects Louisiana's commitment to compassionate, patient-centered care. Providing thoughtful guidelines that allow patients to pursue comfort-focused therapies while receiving care in healthcare facilities respects the dignity and autonomy of individuals facing life-limiting illness.

Transparency & Accountability for PBMs

Ellevate supports reforms designed to bring greater transparency and accountability to the prescription drug supply chain, particularly the role of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs). Patients, employers, and healthcare providers increasingly recognize the need for greater visibility into how prescription drug prices are determined and how rebates and fees flow through the system.

Measures under consideration would strengthen oversight, require transparency in PBM business practices, prohibit spread pricing, ensure rebates are passed through appropriately, and expand the authority of state regulators to audit and verify compliance. These reforms represent meaningful steps toward restoring trust and ensuring that savings in the drug supply chain benefit patients and plan sponsors.

Reducing the Burden of Medical Debt

Ellevate supports policies that protect patients from the financial harm of medical debt, particularly when driven by serious health conditions outside of an individual's control. In Louisiana, medical debt is the leading cause of bankruptcy and can delay care and destabilize families. We support preventing predatory collections practices, capping interest rates, prohibiting wage garnishment for lower income patients, and limiting foreclosure risk.