



## **Conversation 5: Round 2: Moving Forward with Cancer Screening and Prevention in the Uncertain World of Coverage for Health Care.**

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### **Practical Actions**

- Learn from Kentucky accomplishments in colorectal cancer advocacy and legislation
- Identify opportunities for replication in other states
- Identify other states having legislative success
- Use local ACS-CAN representatives
- Best Chance Network- pay for breast and cervical cancer
- Create general Community Health Clinic policies to advise on colorectal cancer screening
  - Establish a referral process
- Collaborate with local nonprofit organizations and share knowledge resources
- Examples:
  - Milwaukee Healthcare Partnership
  - Links of Care
  - Centers for Disease Control
  - American Cancer Society
  - Roundtables
- Utilize National Colorectal Cancer Round Table toolkits, guides, and resources
  - Guide to the Development of State Level Colorectal Cancer Coalitions
- Tap into local nonprofit hospital community benefit programs
- Build partnerships at the local level to ask for more transparency and accountability from local hospitals
- Establish partnerships between Federally Qualified Health Centers and colonoscopy providers

**Briefly give a picture of coverage for cancer prevention/early detection in your workplace or community. Is it worse/same/better than last year at this time?**

- New Hampshire- coverage is about the same as last year
- Texas- About the same as last year
  - How do we move forward?
- Maryland- Medicaid expansion
  - Screening numbers are down
  - Patient navigation
- Colorectal cancer and young adults

- What type of screening and when?
- Montana- Medicaid expansion has improved since last year, but there is uncertainty for next year
- Effective messaging on different screening options
  - Colonoscopy issues and policy
  - Coding for testing (insurance)
    - Kentucky and Oregon- legislation passed to clarify colonoscopy should be covered
    - DC- Medicaid expansion for years
      - High screening rates but high death rates due to disparities
      - Managing other chronic diseases
- Funding and outreach is high priority in Baltimore, Maryland
- Arizona- Medicaid expanded
  - Breast/cervical funding for screening treatment issues.
  - Behind in process because of demand
  - Women cannot afford the Affordable Care Act
  - Susan G. Komen Arizona closed- had funded for undocumented women
- State agencies can solicit funds to cover 100% for screening
- Pathways to care defined cross state for undocumented.

**What are current opportunities for expanding cancer prevention/early detection services in your community or practice at this time of uncertainty about health care coverage?**

- Milwaukee- program for undocumented immigrants
- Mississippi- partner organizations came together to address disparities (pooling resources)
  - Targeted portion of state
  - Breast and cervical
  - CAP Foundation
    - See, Test and Treat program: One day, multi-screening event
- What are hospitals doing for non-profit status?
  - Community benefits

**What are current challenges to providing cancer prevention/early detection services in your community or practice at this time of uncertainty about health care coverage?**

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**Which strategies are working well to facilitate “safety net” coverage for cancer prevention/early detection at this time?**

**(ANSWERS TO BOTH QUESTIONS)**

- Questions regarding how coverage is determined
- New Hampshire- Hospital staff had low screening rates
- Analyze data opportunity

- Show cost-benefit analysis of preventative services opportunity
- Integrated services system
- Large hospital systems expanding populations for grant funding
- Comic used to talk through screening recommendations

**What additional resources are needed for programs or practices to continue to make progress in cancer prevention/early detection at this time? For individuals (consumers)?**

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