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ATTENTION PATIENTS, FAMILY & FRIENDS

Please call your Congressional Representative TODAY
Ask him or her to Co-Sponsor **H.R. 4098**

“The Community Cancer Care Preservation Act of 2005”

*This important legislation will help preserve the delivery of
cancer care in your home community.*

Details of H.R. 4098 are attached for your reference

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***Community cancer clinics like Wilshire Oncology
and others across the country are set to lose over
\$500 million in Medicare payments in 2006.***

Today you, your family member or your friends and over 80% of patients with cancer are being cared for and treated in a community cancer clinic. The most recent National Institute of Health (NIH) report shows continued progress in improved cancer survival through the care systems these community clinics have developed over the last 10-15 years. However, due to the changes in reimbursement brought on by the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, cancer care for many patients will be forced to return to the hospital setting, where costs are 2-3 times greater and capacity is limited, affecting access to care and impacting much of the progress made over the past decade.

As a patient, family member, friend and concerned citizen, there is something you can do to help ensure that all patients throughout the country have access to high quality, affordable cancer care close to their homes, families and friends.

The **Community Cancer Care Preservation Act of 2005 (H.R. 4098)** is important legislation that will help preserve the delivery of community cancer care in your community. Introduced by Congressman Ramstad of Minnesota, this Act calls for the following improvements and changes in the Medicare system:

1. Fix the Average Sales Price (ASP) system, the way medications are paid for by Medicare by:
 - Adjusting the reimbursement rate of medications in a timely manner (currently there is a six-month delay before the reimbursement rate reflects the actual manufacturers price we pay).
 - Excluding prompt payor discounts from ASP calculations, which would help ensure more appropriate reimbursement.
2. Continue the Demonstration Project, which pays doctors for the detailed time and work involved in symptom management for cancer patients, using three key common symptoms of pain, nausea and fatigue when patients get cancer treatments.
3. Extend the same pharmacy management fee as hospital cancer clinics will get in 2006 to community cancer clinics to cover the unreimbursed costs to order, inventory and manage the chemotherapy drugs so that they are immediately available to patients when they need them and as their treatments are adjusted or changed.
4. Ask the Department of Health and Human Services to work with community oncology to develop quality measures, so that patients and payors know that quality care is being delivered where they choose to get their care.
5. Ask the NIH to work with community oncology to increase availability of clinical trials for cancer patients.

Please call your Representative in Congress today and ask him or her to support high quality, affordable cancer care in their community by Co-Sponsoring the **Community Cancer Care Preservation Act of 2005 (H.R. 4098)**. We all need to let Congress know that we don't want to lose cancer care in our community and now is not the time to cut the cancer budget! By working together we can have a major impact on our legislators.

Individual letters and phone calls **DO GET HEARD!**