



November 28, 2022

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Republican Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Republican Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Republican Leader McCarthy, Majority Leader Schumer, and Republican Leader McConnell:

As precision medicine becomes standard of care to treat many diseases and conditions, it is critical that Medicare beneficiaries have access to genetic counselors, as they have specialized training in medical genetics and counseling to offer comprehensive genetic services to patients.

Genetic counselors are particularly important for Medicare beneficiaries with cancer, cardiovascular disease, and neurological disorders, as they help these patients understand genetic testing options and facilitate communication between patients and other providers that manage health issues with a genetic component. In short, genetic counselors empower patients and providers to make informed decisions.

Many commercial health plans cover and reimburse genetic counselors, as research demonstrates improved outcomes in terms of quality and cost. In fact, Medicare currently reimburses genetic counseling when provided by other Medicare practitioners. S. 1450/H.R. 2144, the “Access to Genetic Counselor Services Act”, takes a measured approach to modernize Medicare to catch up with the innovation of genetics and genomic medicine. The legislation will allow the Medicare program to reimburse genetic counselors directly, which will in turn improve access for everyone to the services of genetic counselors.

Improving access to genetic counselors will help ensure appropriate genetic testing, provide critical knowledge to beneficiaries to fully understand complex test results, and further integrate genetic counselors into the healthcare team. We expect the legislation will enhance team-based care coordination for Medicare beneficiaries, and may also save money for beneficiaries and the Medicare program.

**We urge you to include the “Access to Genetic Counselor Services Act” in an end of year legislative package so that Medicare beneficiaries can better access these critical services.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

ACT Genetics  
Advocate Aurora Health  
Advocate Genetics  
Alexion, AstraZeneca Rare Disease  
AliveAndKickn  
ALS Association  
Ambry Genetics  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American Kidney Fund  
American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons  
American Society of Human Genetics  
Amyloidosis Foundation  
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago  
Arizona Oncology  
Arkansas Association of Cancer Professionals  
Association for Creatine Deficiencies  
Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC)  
Association for Utah Genetic Counselors  
Avellino  
AXYS  
Baylor College of Medicine  
Baystate Health  
BillionToOne, Inc. (BillionToOne Laboratory)  
Boise State MSGC Department  
Boise State University  
Born a Hero, Research Foundation  
Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine  
BRCA Advanced & Other Hereditary Cancers Journal Club  
C. R. Wood Cancer Center at Glens Falls Hospital  
Cancer Partners of Nebraska, PC  
Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association  
Child Neurology Foundation

Children's Wisconsin  
Choroideremia Research Foundation  
City of Hope National Medical Center  
Cleveland Clinic Genomic Medicine Institute  
Clover Genetics  
Collaborative Group of the Americas on Inherited Gastrointestinal Cancers  
Colon Cancer Coalition  
Colon Cancer Foundation  
Colorado Cancer Coalition  
Colorectal Cancer Alliance  
Columbia University Irving Medical Center  
COMBINEDBrain, Inc.  
Concert Genetics  
Cooley Dickinson Hospital  
Corewell Health System  
CSNK2A1 Foundation  
Cure Sanfilippo Foundation  
DCM Foundation  
Delaware Society for Clinical Oncology (DSCO)  
Department of Genetics, Cell Biology and Development, University of Minnesota  
Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio  
Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati  
Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Ohio  
Down Syndrome Association of the Valley  
Empire State Hematology & Oncology Society  
EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases  
Executive Frameworks, Ltd.  
Family Connection of South Carolina  
Family Heart Foundation  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
Florida Association of Genetic Counselors  
FOD (Fatty Oxidation Disorders) Family Support Group

FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer  
Empowered  
FSHD Society  
Fulgent Genetics  
Geisinger  
GeneMatters  
Genentech, a member of the Roche group  
Genetic Support Foundation  
GENETICS TASK FORCE OF NEW  
YORK, INC.  
Genome Creative  
Genome Medical  
GeriatRx  
GI Cancers Alliance  
Greenwood Genetic Center  
Grey Genetics  
Gundersen Health System  
Hawaii Pacific Health  
Hawaii Society of Clinical Oncology  
HD Reach  
Helix Op Co, LLC  
Help 4 HD International  
Hereditary Neuropathy Foundation  
Howard University Cancer Center  
HSHS St. Vincent Hospital and St. Mary's  
Medical Center Hospitals  
Human Genetics Association of New Jersey  
Huntington's Disease Genetics  
ICAN, International Cancer Advocacy  
Network  
Idaho Society of Clinical Oncology  
Identify  
Illumina, Inc.  
Indiana Hemophilia and Thrombosis Center,  
Inc.  
Indiana Network of Genetic Counselors  
Indiana Oncology Society  
InformedDNA  
INHERET, Inc.  
International 22q11.2 Foundation  
International WAGR Syndrome Association,  
IWSA  
Invitae

Iowa Oncology Society  
Jefferson ALS Center  
Johns Hopkins Medicine  
Kaiona Counseling, LLC  
Kansas Society of Clinical Oncology  
Karmanos Cancer Institute  
KCNQ2 Cure Alliance  
Kennedy Krieger Institute  
Kentucky Society of Clinical Oncology  
Loma Linda University Health  
Louisiana Oncology Society  
Lynch Syndrome International  
Markey Cancer Center, University of  
Kentucky  
Maryland DC Society of Clinical Oncology  
Massachusetts Society of Clinical  
Oncologists  
M-CM Network  
Medical College of Wisconsin  
Medical Oncology Association of Southern  
California  
Meharry Medical College  
Memorial Sloan Kettering  
Metis Genetics  
MGH Institute of Health Professions  
Miami Valley Down Syndrome  
Michigan Association of Genetic  
Counselors, Inc. (MAGC)  
Michigan Medicine (part of University of  
Michigan, Ann Arbor)  
Middlesex Health  
Minnesota Cancer Alliance  
Minnesota Genetic Counselor Association  
Minnesota Oncology  
Minnesota Society of Clinical Oncology  
Mission Health Fullerton Genetics Center  
Mississippi Metabolics Foundation  
Missouri Cancer Associates  
Missouri Oncology Society  
Moffitt Cancer Center  
Montana State Oncology Society  
Muscular Dystrophy Association  
My Gene Counsel

Myriad Genetics, Inc.  
Natera, Inc  
National Comprehensive Cancer Network  
National PKU News  
National Society of Genetic Counselors  
Nebraska Hematology-Oncology  
NERGG, Inc. (New England Regional  
Genetics Group)  
Nevada Oncology Society  
New England Cancer Specialists  
New Mexico Society of Clinical Oncology  
New York Oncology Hematology  
New York State Genetics Task Force  
No Stomach For Cancer  
North Carolina Medical Genetics  
Association  
North Carolina Oncology Association  
North Memorial Health  
Northern California Coalition of Genetic  
Counselors  
Northern Nevada Genetic counseling  
Northern New England Clinical Oncology  
Society  
NorthShore University HealthSystem  
NothingPink  
Ochsner Health  
Ohio Association of Genetic Counselors  
Ohio Hematology Oncology Society  
OhioHealth  
Olaris, Inc.  
Oncocyte  
Oncology Hematology Care, Inc.  
Oregon Health & Science University  
Parkinson's Foundation  
Pathways for Rare and Orphan Studies  
Penn State Health  
Pennsylvania Association of Genetic  
Counselors (PAGC)  
Perinatal Quality Foundation  
Personalized Medicine Coalition  
PharmGKB (Pharmacogenomics  
Knowledgebase)  
Pheo Para Alliance  
Piedmont Healthcare  
PLUGS (Patient-centered Laboratory  
Utilization Guidance Services)  
Prisma Health  
Providence  
PTEN Hamartoma Tumor Syndrome  
Foundation  
Quest Diagnostics  
Rare New England  
RARE-X  
RASopathies Network  
Regional Obstetrical Consultants  
Remember The Girls  
Rocky Mountain Cancer Centers  
Rocky Mountain Oncology Society  
Saint Francis Hospital Cancer Institute  
Saint Louis University Department of  
Pediatrics  
Saint Louis University School of Medicine  
Sanford Health  
Sema4  
Sharsheret, Inc.  
South Carolina Oncology Society  
Southeastern Regional Genetics Group  
Southern California Genetic Counselors  
Southern Cancer Center  
Susan Dickerson  
Sutter Health  
Swedish Cancer Institute  
Synapticure  
SYNGAP1 Foundation  
Tennessee Genetic Counselors Association  
Tennessee Oncology Practice Society  
Texas Oncology  
Texas Society of Clinical Oncology  
Texas Society of Genetic Counselors  
The Arizona Clinical Oncology Society  
The Brooklyn Hospital Center  
The Ehlers-Danlos Society  
The Jefferson Comprehensive Parkinson's  
Disease and Movement Disorders Center

The Ohio State University Comprehensive  
Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and  
Solove Research Institute  
The Ohio State University Genetic  
Counseling Program  
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical  
Center  
The RUNX1 Research Program  
The Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes  
(SADS) Foundation  
The Texas Society of Clinical Oncology  
The US Oncology Network  
The US Oncology Network GREAT  
program  
ThinkGenetic Foundation  
Thomas Jefferson University hospital  
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital-  
Stroke Division  
TSC Alliance  
Unified Patient Network  
United Leukodystrophy Foundation  
UnityPoint Health  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
(UAB) Health System  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Genetic Counseling Program  
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
University of California, San Francisco  
University of California, Los Angeles  
(UCLA) Health

University of Colorado Anschutz Medical  
Campus  
University of Maryland School of Medicine  
University of Miami  
University of Mississippi Medical Center  
University of Nebraska Medical Center  
(UNMC)  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
University of Rochester Medical Center  
University of South Florida  
University of Vermont Health Network  
University of Wisconsin Hospitals and  
Clinics  
USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
Virginia Association of Genetic Counselors  
(VaAGC)  
Virginia Association of Hematologists and  
Oncologists  
Virginia Cancer Specialists  
Virginia Hospital Center Health System  
Watershed DNA  
West Virginia Oncology Society  
Wisconsin Association of Hematology and  
Oncology  
Wisconsin genetic counselors association  
(WIGCA)  
Wyoming State Oncology Society