

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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ENSURE QUALITY CANCER CARE FOR MEDICARE PATIENTS

SUPPORT H.R. 3011

Dear Colleague:

Please join us in supporting H.R. 3011 to help ensure that cancer patients on Medicare continue to receive the high quality care that they need.

As you know, the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) significantly altered the way Medicare pays for chemotherapy drugs administered in doctors' offices. However, there are still some drugs that practices in America are having trouble purchasing at the Medicare payment rate. This bill will grant CMS the authority- which it currently does not have- to alter payment rates for those drugs in order to ensure patients receive the care they need.

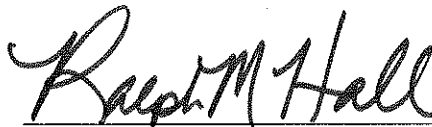
H.R. 3011 is a crucial step forward in ensuring quality cancer care because it will help to ensure that critical chemotherapy drugs remain available to cancer patients. When opportunities arise to support tangible and achievable improvements to the cancer care delivery system, it is important for us to support them. Ensuring quality cancer care is the responsibility of us all.

We need your help making sure that important chemotherapy drugs remain available for all cancer patients. Please join us and other members of the cancer community, including the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), in supporting. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Beckles with Congressman Towns' office at 5-5936; Kyle Oliver with Congressman Hall at 5-6673; of Jeff Mortier with Congressman Whitfield at 5-3115.

Sincerely,



Ed Towns
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