March 11 Capitol Hill Briefing: Improving Access to Clinical Trials for Patients on Medicaid

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WHAT: Clinical trials often provide patients with life-threatening conditions the best - perhaps only - treatment option for their condition. However, unlike Medicare and private and commercial payers, Medicaid is not federally required to cover routine care costs (like physician visits and laboratory studies) for patients on clinical trials. Without the guarantee of coverage, many Medicaid beneficiaries do not have the latest technological and scientific advancements as a treatment option.

Join the Association for Clinical Oncology (ASCO) for a Capitol Hill briefing to learn how the bipartisan CLINICAL TREATMENT Act (H.R. 913) would guarantee coverage of the routine care costs for Medicaid enrollees with life-threatening conditions participating in clinical trials, and help ensure all patients have access to high-quality, high-value cancer care. Time will be allotted for questions.

WHO:

- Rep. Ben Ray Luján (NM-3), Sponsor of H.R. 913
- Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL-12), Original cosponsor of H.R. 913
- Dr. Carolyn Hendricks, Association for Clinical Oncology (ASCO), Chair-Elect, Government Relations Committee
- Brittany McKelvey, Childhood cancer survivor and patient research advocate, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)
WHEN:
Wednesday, March 11, 2020
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
*Lunch will be provided

WHERE:
U.S. Capitol Visitor Center
Room HVC-200
First ST NE, Washington, DC 20515

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About ASCO:

The Association for Clinical Oncology is a 501 (c)(6) organization that represents nearly 45,000 oncology professionals who care for people living with cancer. Established by the American Society of Clinical Oncology in 2019, the Association works to ensure that all individuals with cancer have access to high-quality, affordable care; that the cancer care delivery system supports optimal cancer care; and that our nation supports federal funding for cancer research as well as efforts centered on cancer prevention, drug development, and clinical trials. Learn more at www.ascoassociation.org and follow us on Twitter at @ASCO.