2020 ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

ENSURE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND SURVIVORS
- Required coverage for essential services that prevent, diagnose and treat cancer
- Exemption of cancer patients from step therapy and co-pay accumulator policies
- Prevention of Medicaid policies that limit access to care

PROMOTE QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF CARE
- Adequate reimbursement for oncology treatments and ancillary services
- Streamlined prior authorization and reduced administrative burden for providers
- Adoption of ASCO’s Patient Centered Oncology Payment Program (PCOP) and refinements to Oncology Care First Program (OCF)
- Ensure accurate and fair performance measurement and reward for oncology providers
- Advance policies that reduce tobacco and nicotine use, indoor tanning and obesity
- Efficient exchange of healthcare information/interoperability to support quality care
- Advance mCODE as the standard means of exchanging information

SUPPORT PATIENT PARTICIPATION IN CLINICAL RESEARCH
- Expand eligibility criteria
- Ensure all Medicaid programs cover routine care costs of clinical trials
- Sustained and robust funding for NIH, NCI, and FDA

The Association Board of Directors approved the 2020 Advocacy Priorities in May 2020.