

CONGRESSMAN LEONARD LANCE

Protecting Our Access to High-Quality Cancer Treatment



Patient Advocates Support Medicare Part B Funding:



South Jersey Geriatric Care, P.C.



Washington is threatening our access to community cancer centers.

Washington politicians and bureaucrats are threatening to cut Medicare funding that covers community-based cancer care in cities and rural towns across the nation. These cuts threaten access to care for cancer patients and could lead to higher expenses for both the patient and taxpayers.

- ▶ Cancer clinics are already struggling to stay in their communities, with approximately 300 closing and another 400 reporting financial difficulties over the past 6 years according to one report.¹
- ▶ The American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) finds **extremely poor coverage in rural areas** with only 3 percent of oncologists in these areas.² ASCO also found that small practices are at most risk of selling or closing their doors.³
- ▶ In 2008 over 80% of cancer patients received care from community cancer centers, but by 2012 nearly **800,000 cancer patients no longer received treatment at their doctor's office.**⁴
- ▶ A 2013 study found that hospital chemotherapy spending was approximately 25 to 47 percent higher than physician office chemotherapy spending over 3 years.⁵

THANK CONGRESSMAN LEONARD LANCE FOR PROTECTING CANCER TREATMENTS FROM ADDITIONAL MEDICARE FUNDING CUTS.



Thankfully, Congressman Lance is standing up to protect patients' access to community cancer care and affordable treatments.

Call Congressman Lance at (202) 225-5361.

Thank Him for Protecting Medicare Funding for Cancer Treatment.

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