



2019 Nebraska Legislative Priorities

Victory in the fight against cancer requires bold new public policies that promote cancer prevention, early detection of cancer, and expand access to quality, affordable health care. Lawmakers make many decisions that impact the lives of Nebraskans touched by cancer and their leadership is vital to defeating this disease. In 2019, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) will work with the Nebraska Legislature in support of the following priorities:

Reducing the Toll of Tobacco

- **Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Funding:** ACS CAN will work to sustain evidence-based, statewide tobacco use prevention and cessation programs.
- **Tobacco Taxes:** ACS CAN will advocate to increase the cigarette tax by \$1.50 per pack with an increase in the tax on other tobacco products to parallel the new rate. Increasing the price of cigarettes and all other tobacco products through regular and significant tobacco tax increases helps to keep kids from starting to use tobacco and helps adults quit. A portion of the revenues from the tobacco taxes should be used to fully fund and sustain evidence-based, statewide tobacco use prevention and cessation programs.

Ensuring Access to Quality Care

- **Medicaid Expansion:** ACS CAN will work to protect and implement voter-approved Medicaid expansion in Nebraska.

Skin Cancer Prevention

- **Indoor Tanning Devices:** ACS CAN will advocate for a state law to prohibit the use of indoor tanning devices by those under the age of 18, ensure all consumers are properly informed of their risk prior to use, and require all indoor tanning devices to be properly regulated with effective enforcement provisions in place.

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ACS CAN, the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, supports evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. ACS CAN works to encourage elected officials and candidates to make cancer a top priority. ACS CAN gives ordinary people extraordinary power to fight cancer with the training and tools they need to make their voices heard.

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