Cancer Policy & COA Focus

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Congress tried to double up on the current 2% Medicare sequester cut
  - Add another 2-4% on top of the current 2% sequester cut

340B Drug Discount Program in hospitals under fire
  - 2 congressional hearings and major Energy & Commerce report
  - 2 bills, so far
  - 3 new studies in past month alone

New administration backing off forcing payment reform demonstrations but oncology payment reform here to stay!

PBMs are out of control and they will come under increasing scrutiny of Congress and HHS/CMS
What Else is Hot in Healthcare?

- Republicans backing off “repeal and replace” of ACA/Obamacare
  - Individual mandate is gone with the tax bill
  - Behind the scenes moves that are weakening Obamacare

- President keeps promising to “bring down drug prices” but focus to date only has been with the FDA and 340B reforms

- Greater emphasis on reforming/restructuring Medicaid
Fighting for 340B Reform

- The only cancer organization pushing for real reform of 340B
- 2.8 million targeted Americans reached by COA 340B advocacy in 2017
- \( \frac{1}{4} \) of all comments to CMS on HOPPS cut proposal came via COA website and resources
The year so far...

Bombshell study in NEJM released last week

Conducted independently by Harvard & NYU researchers, and funded by HHS agency! (Health Resources and Services Administration)

Found that 340B program associated with:

- "hospital–physician consolidation in hematology–oncology"
- "more hospital-based administration of parenteral drugs in hematology–oncology"
- No “clear evidence of expanded care or lower mortality among low-income patients"
The year so far...

COA commissioned study by Avalere, released this week

85% of hospitals will see net payment increase after recent 340B & Medicare payment changes

Rural hospitals benefit the most, with much greater than average payment increases for 2018

- Majority of hospitals will see 1.5% net increase
- Rural hospitals will see 2.7% net increase
• Threat of new 4% sequester cut to Medicare during budget negotiations

• COA coordinated massive emergency effort to warn Congress & Administration of impact to cancer care

• Emergency DC fly in to meet with policymakers and conducted extensive media outreach
2018

Plans Going Forward

• Trying to stop the current 2% Medicare sequester cut
  – Legislation
  – Legal action
    ➢ Sequester cut is both illegal and unconstitutional
    ➢ Lawsuit prepared to file an injunction against the government
• Hosted another successful Payer Exchange Summit on Oncology Payment Reform as part of COA’s commitment to oncology payment reform
• Helping 80% of OCM practices succeed in a support network
• Developing the OCM 2.0 model as future of oncology payment reform
• Trying to make the OCM work, *which is an uphill battle!*  
  – Poor communications  
  – Lack of timely data  
  – Lots of confusion and questions

• Working on the OCM 2.0 to create the “universal” model for cancer care payment  
  – Flexible  
  – Simple
• PBMs are harming patient care and hurting practices
• Murky PBM “direct and indirect remuneration” fees (commonly known as “DIR Fees”)
• In 2017, COA released 4 studies, 3 white papers, 2 videos, 1 legal paper on PBMs
Plans Going Forward

• *Taking the fight to the PBMs!*
  - Legislative
  - Legal
  - Investigative
  - Advocacy
  - Press
COA Patient Advocacy Network (CPAN) chapters in practices

Our grassroots army

In 2017, the number of CPAN chapters nearly doubled. New chapters in Texas, New England, New York, & Washington State
2017

Launched COA Fellows Initiative

- Educating future generations of community oncologists
- Hosted interactive educational events & dinners across country
- Includes job board for practices & grants for fellows to attend COA events
Launched I Am Community Oncology Campaign

- Educate, engage, and activate public on value of community oncology
- Developing educational resources (waiting room materials, videos, web content), hosting local events, and more
- Highlight: COA TV waiting room network. Now live in 240+ practice locations with 1,000+ providers in 27+ states!
• Nearly 1,300 attendees joined us in 2017
• Join us this year, outside of DC on April 12-13, 2018 [www.COACConference.com](http://www.COACConference.com)
• Over $500,000 raised to aid patients with treatment and transportation
• Thanks to BMS, BI, Celgene, Foundation Medicine, Merck, Tesaro, and ASCO!!!
Thanks!!!

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