

PATIENTS FIRST AGENDA |



Millions of patients' lives are improved every day because of advancements in medical technology. AdvaMed supports state legislation addressing gaps in access and coverage of critical medical technologies to bring safe, effective, and innovative healthcare to patients across the country.

ACCESS



ZERO-COST SHARING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL CANCER IMAGING & DIAGNOSTICS

The fear and frustration of unexpected or high out-of-pocket costs should not prevent or delay patients from seeking recommended follow-up care. Unfortunately, this is the reality for too many patients. AdvaMed supports legislation eliminating cost sharing obligations for patients enabling patients and their families to focus on what is best for their health – and not only what they can afford.



INCREASED AVAILABILITY OF AEDS FOR YOUNG ATHLETES

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is the number one cause of sudden death among young athletes. Though SCA can lead to death in minutes, immediate CPR can triple the chance of survival – including with an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). AdvaMed supports legislation improving AED access and ensuring that coaches can receive CPR education, including AED training.



REQUIRED FENTANYL SCREENING IN EMERGENCY ROOMS

Currently, if a patient presents in the emergency room, and the provider orders a urine drug test, the provider may not be aware fentanyl requires a separately ordered test. AdvaMed supports legislation closing this gap, helping to save lives and providing critical data in helping to combat illicit fentanyl use.

COVERAGE



COVERAGE OF BIOMARKER TESTING

Biomarker testing is used in the detection, treatment, and monitoring of many diseases, including cancer and Alzheimer's disease and new, actionable biomarkers are discovered frequently. AdvaMed supports legislation ensuring coverage of medically appropriate biomarker testing, helping each patient get the right treatment, in the right dose, at the right time.



COVERAGE OF REMOTE MATERNAL CARE TECHNOLOGY

The maternal health crisis in the United States is no secret. For too many women access to their physician or medical support team is compromised by distance or other inhibitors, threatening the healthy outcome of their pregnancy. AdvaMed supports clarifying the coverage of remote medical technologies as part of improving outcomes for moms and babies, no matter where they live.



COVERAGE OF SEIZURE DETECTION DEVICES

Primarily wearable devices, seizure detection devices are an emerging technology that notify others when a seizure is happening. This can be especially helpful at night for children when sleeping. This technology can be costly, deterring some patients from using it despite potential benefits. AdvaMed supports legislation authorizing Medicaid coverage of any FDA-regulated seizure detection device, along with associated monthly costs.