

Health Groups Applaud Stay on *Braidwood v Becerra* Lawsuit to Protect Coverage for Preventive Services

Washington, D.C.— (May 15, 2023) — Today, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals issued an administrative stay on the remedy in the case of *Braidwood v. Becerra*, which threatens coverage of U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommended preventive services without cost sharing as required under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

The nation's leading health groups, including the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association, HIV+ Hepatitis Policy Institute and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (full list is below), issued the following statement:

“Our organizations strongly support today’s stay and urge the court to leave the stay in place for the duration of its consideration of the case. Under the March 30 ruling, millions of people would no longer have the guarantee of cost-free coverage for preventive services recommended by the USPSTF after the enactment of the ACA in March 2010, including lung cancer screening; counseling interventions for individuals who are pregnant or postpartum; screening for anxiety in children and adolescents, screenings for Hepatitis B and C, and medications to prevent HIV.

“Numerous research studies have proven the benefits of preventive services. They ensure people can prevent, detect and treat their conditions as early as possible, improving health outcomes and saving patients and the health care system money.

“This stay means that people in the U.S. can still access these lifesaving services at no cost as this case is appealed. Our organizations will continue to work to make sure everyone in the U.S. has access to quality and affordable healthcare.”

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ADAP Advocacy Association
Adult Vaccine Access Coalition (AVAC)
ALS Association
American Academy of HIV Medicine
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American Diabetes Association
American Heart Association
American Kidney Fund
American Lung Association
Arthritis Foundation
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition (AVAC)
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
Cancer Support Community
CancerCare
Caring Ambassadors Program
Chronic Disease Coalition
Community Access National Network

Community Catalyst
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Epilepsy Foundation
GO2 for Lung Cancer
HealthHIV
Hemophilia Federation of America
Hep B United
Hepatitis B Foundation
HIV Dental Alliance
HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute
Housing Works
Immune Deficiency Foundation
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LUNgevity Foundation
Lupus Foundation of America
MPact Global Action
NASTAD
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship
National Coalition for LGBTQ Health
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
National Eczema Association
National Health Council
National Hemophilia Foundation
National Kidney Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)
National Patient Advocate Foundation
National Psoriasis Foundation
National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable (NVHR)
Patient Access Network (PAN) Foundation
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