



July 13, 2022

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
Chairman
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Ranking Member
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Pallone and Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers,

On behalf of millions of cancer patients, survivors and their families, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) writes today in strong support of HR 3630, the Lymphedema Treatment Act, and urges swift passage of this important legislation.

The Lymphedema Treatment Act would provide for Medicare coverage of necessary medical supplies appropriate for the treatment of lymphedema for beneficiaries. The Medicare program currently does not cover the critically necessary compression supplies used in the daily treatment of lymphedema. Patient access to physician prescribed compression supplies can prevent recurring infections and eventual disability in lymphedema patients. Currently, compression supplies used for the treatment of lymphedema patients are not classified under any existing Medicare benefits category.

Lymphedema affects millions of Americans nationwide, and there is currently no known cure. Patient access to medical supplies that help treat lymphedema is imperative, and important for patient quality of life. Patients who have undergone surgery or radiation therapy for cancer, namely breast cancer, may be at a high risk of developing lymphedema. Also, surgical procedures treating breast cancer often require the removal of lymph nodes which puts breast cancer survivors at an even higher risk. This is why the Lymphedema Treatment Act is so important, and we are grateful for the Committee's attention to this important legislation.

Thank you again for your leadership on this important issue. Please contact Stephanie Krenrich on my staff at stephanie.krenrich@cancer.org for more information or to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Lacasse
President

