

The Prostate-Specific Antigen Screening for High-risk Insured Men Act (H.R. 1300 /S. 297)

WHAT IS THE PSA SCREENING FOR HIM ACT?

The **PSA Screening for High-risk Insured Men Act**, introduced in the Senate by Senators John Boozman (R-AR) and Cory Booker (D-NJ) and in the House by Representatives Neal Dunn, M.D. (R-FL) and Yvette Clarke (D-NY), **would require health insurance providers to offer prostate cancer screenings without any cost-sharing requirements (co-pays, deductibles, or co-insurance)** for high-risk men, including African-American men and men with a family history of prostate cancer or known genetic alteration, over the age of 40.



Men with at least one close family member with prostate cancer are at least 2x the risk for prostate cancer; risk increases with each affected family member.



Only 33% of African-American men aged 50 or older had a PSA test in 2018.

WHY ARE PSA TESTS SO IMPORTANT?

The Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) test is the most effective tool we have right now to detect prostate cancer, and, most instances of prostate cancer are initially detected with this test. PSA is a substance made by the prostate, and the levels of PSA in the blood can be higher in men who have prostate cancer. **By testing the PSA levels, we are able to detect possible signs of prostate cancer.** The earlier the disease is caught, the higher the survival rates: prostate cancer caught in Stage 1 is almost 100% survivable. However, if caught at a later stage, survival rates plummet to around 37%.

WHY IS THIS BILL SO IMPORTANT?

Studies have shown that even the smallest amount of cost-sharing is a barrier to access for many. Too many men in high-risk groups delay getting tested for prostate cancer, which decreases their odds for survival. **This bill would require insurance providers to cover PSA tests for the highest- risk patients at no cost**, similar to other high-value cancer screenings such as mammograms. With an estimated 310,000+ men in America being diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2025 alone and an estimated 35,770+ deaths, the urgency to act has never been greater.



African-American men are 1.7x more likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer, and 2.1x more likely to die from the disease.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Co-sponsor the PSA Screening for HIM Act today and help improve early detection rates for prostate cancer! To co-sponsor in the House, please contact Rep. Dunn's office at Tucker.Williamson@mail.house.gov or Rep. Clarke's office at Nisha.Thanawala@mail.house.gov. In the Senate, reach out to Senator Boozman's office at Kathleen_Bochow@boozman.senate.gov or Senator Booker's office at Nadia_Laniyan@booker.senate.gov. To learn more about ZERO's advocacy efforts please contact Advocacy@zerocancer.org.