

## HR 2741

National Cancer Act of 2003

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jul 15, 2003
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Oct 7, 2004

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 13, 2003
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 8, 2003
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 15, 2003

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

National Cancer Act of 2003 - Provides for a comprehensive Federal effort relating to treatments for and the prevention of cancer.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to fund prevention, detection, and treatment programs of the National Cancer Institute, including translational cancer research (research needed to transform scientific discoveries into approaches and products to treat and cure cancer). Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a research grant program to fund projects that seek to develop cancer treatments that target cancer cells.

Addresses issues of cancer care, including: (1) clinical trial participation; (2) workforce needs; (3) cancer survivorship; (4) cancer care guidelines; (5) the supply of researchers; (6) a colorectal cancer screening demonstration program; and (7) an Institute of Medicine study on whether to provide medical coverage under title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to certain cancer patients.

Directs the Commissioner of Food and Drugs to submit to Congress a plan outlining steps to accelerate the process for reviewing and approving new cancer drugs and treatments.

Requires health insurance plans covered by the Public Health Service Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide: (1) coverage for clinical trials; (2) coverage of cancer screening, including tobacco and nutrition counseling and genetic testing; and (3) patient access to benefit information.

Addresses issues of managing physicians and quality of care for cancer patients covered by such plans, including designating a lead managing physician.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to make grants for: (1) model programs to provide services for cancer and chronic diseases to individuals of health disparity populations; and (2) patient navigators for managing such care of such individuals.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Aug 8, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 15, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 15, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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