



February 22, 2025

The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
U.S. Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Michael Bennet  
U.S. Senate  
261 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lori Trahan  
U.S. House Of Representatives  
2439 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mariannette Miller-Meeks  
U.S. House Of Representatives  
1034 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Grassley, Senator Bennet, Representative Trahan, and Representative Miller-Meeks:

The undersigned childhood cancer organizations are members of the Alliance for Childhood Cancer, consisting of patient advocacy groups, healthcare professionals and scientific organizations, representing millions of Americans who care deeply about childhood cancer. We are writing to offer our endorsement of S. XXX / H.R. 1509, the Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act. Your bipartisan and bicameral legislation will help support children with complex medical needs like childhood cancers.

Children with cancer face unique health care concerns and often require specialized care from a specific provider, including a practitioner with unique subspecialty expertise or a facility that maintains care teams and resources with the expertise to address the unique needs of the child's medical condition. Unfortunately, these providers or facilities are not available in every state. As a result, many children do not have access to specialized care in their home state.

For children with complex medical needs such as cancer, patients are routinely required to travel out of state to receive care from a specific specialist or care team. Over 47 percent of children in the United States rely on Medicaid and CHIP as their central sources of health care coverage, but Medicaid and CHIP coverage is limited to providers in a child's home state. Under current requirements, if a child's medical condition requires them to obtain care from an out-of-state provider or an out-of-state care team, the provider must go through the screening and enrollment process in the child's home state Medicaid program. This process causes burdensome, unnecessary delays in providing time-sensitive care and can unfortunately cause a child's condition to worsen.

The Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act would address these delays by creating an alternative opt-in pathway for providers in good standing to enroll in multiple state Medicaid programs, allowing them to provide essential, time-sensitive care to children who need it. By reducing this

administrative burden, the Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act will allow children with complex medical needs greater access to providers who can best meet their needs.

Thank you for your leadership on behalf of children with cancer. We look forward to working with you to enact the Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Rosalie Abbott, Co-Chair of the Alliance for Childhood Cancer, at [Rosalie.abbott@stbaldricks.org](mailto:Rosalie.abbott@stbaldricks.org), or Dr. Michael Link, Co-Chair of the Alliance for Childhood Cancer, at [mlink@stanford.edu](mailto:mink@stanford.edu).

Sincerely,

**The Alliance for Childhood Cancer**

American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association for Cancer Research  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American Childhood Cancer Organization  
American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology  
The Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation  
Association for Clinical Oncology  
Association of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Nurses  
Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers  
Children's Brain Tumor Foundation  
Children's Cancer Cause  
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
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