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Fully Fund Cancer Surveillance: Support NPCR & SEER

REQUEST

METAvivor urges Congress to support America's cancer registries by providing \$63.4 million for the CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) to fund state and regional cancer registries nationwide and by including report language directing that funding for the National Cancer Institute's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program be maintained or increased as necessary to continue nationwide cancer surveillance.

BACKGROUND

About NPCR: Established by Congress in 1992, the NPCR is a CDC public health program that provides funding and technical support to cancer registries in 46 states, D.C., and U.S. jurisdictions. NPCR collects critical data on cancer diagnoses, types, and treatments across the United States.

About SEER: Established in 1973, the SEER Cancer Program provides information on cancer statistics in an effort to reduce the cancer burden among the U.S. population. SEER is supported by the Surveillance Research Program (SRP) in NCI's Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS).

WHY WE'RE HERE

Metastatic breast cancer (MBC) is stage IV breast cancer that has spread beyond the breast to other parts of the body. It is a treatable, terminal diagnosis. People with MBC face unique challenges in accessing timely, affordable, and effective treatment.

- An estimated 168,000 women in the U.S. are currently living with MBC.

- This year 2,670 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer.
- 42,140 women and 530 men will die from MBC this year.
- Only 32% of people diagnosed with MBC live longer than 5 years.
- Just 13% of breast cancer research dollars go toward MBC research.

NPCR and SEER work together to collect cancer data covering nearly 100% of the U.S. population, providing critical information to researchers, clinicians, policymakers, and public health professionals.

WHY CONGRESS MUST ACT NOW

America's cancer surveillance infrastructure is at risk. Over the past 15 months, SEER registries have experienced approximately 20% reductions in funding, including initial reductions associated with contracts entering a new cycle on May 1, 2026.

These are not traditional research grants. They are operational contracts that support the nation's cancer surveillance infrastructure. Continued funding reductions could limit registries' ability to collect and maintain the high-quality cancer data Americans have relied on for decades.

Congress has an opportunity to modernize cancer data collection with additional investments so that registries can better capture the full trajectory of metastatic cancers, including recurrence, progression to metastatic disease, and cause-specific mortality.

We need Congress to act now to properly fund the SEER and NPCR programs because lives truly depend on it.

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vivor is a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization that funds vital research to help improve the longevity and quality of life for MBC patients. As passionately committed patients ourselves, we rally public attention to the urgent needs of the MBC community, help patients find strength through support and purpose, and make every dollar count as we work with and fund researchers seeking to extend and improve the quality of care for MBC patients.