



Dedicated To Achieving Health Equity Through Patient Navigation

August 2024

Time Sensitive Due Dates - this Issue Includes:

- *ACS CAN Consensus CMS Letter – Action due by NOON ET, [Friday, September 6](#)*
- *In-Person ACS NNRT Annual Membership Meeting*
- *"Terms to Know"*
- *September 11th, 2024 Webinar- Registration Open*

CMS Sign-On Letter Opportunity with American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network Due by September 6, 2024 at 12:00 pm ET

In 2023, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) introduced a new reimbursement code in the annual Physician Fee Schedule for Medicare enrollees diagnosed with high-risk conditions, including cancer, to access Principal Illness Navigation (PIN) services. In response, ACS CAN, along with 59 partner organizations, issued a [letter to CMS](#) in support of these patient navigation provisions, offering specific recommendations on how the new reimbursement should be implemented. These rules were adopted and took effect on January 1, 2024.

This year, in response to [CMS' CY2025 Physician Fee Schedule's Principal Illness Navigation provisions \(link to the full letter\)](#), ACS CAN has once again drafted a sign-on letter. If your organization wishes to [sign on](#) after reviewing the attached letter, please complete the following form **by Friday, September 6, 2024, at 12:00 pm EST**. Please note that only organization signatures will be accepted (no individual signatures). This letter is specifically intended for patient advocacy organizations, Community Based Organizations offering patient navigation services, and health care organizations that have or are considering implementing patient navigation programs and are Medicare providers.

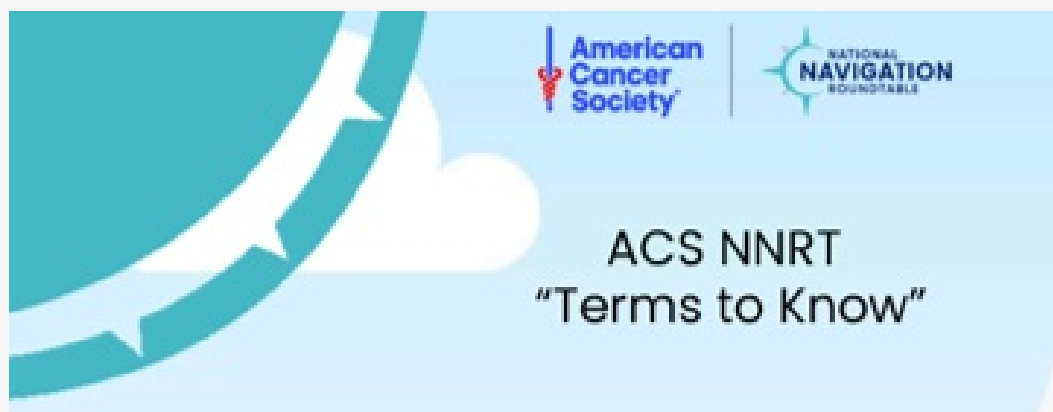
Thank you for your support and commitment to improving patient care.

[View ACS CAN Consensus Letter](#)

ACS CAN 2025 CMS Sign-on Letter Form [HERE](#)

[Are you Registered to attend the in-person September 18th - 20th, 2024](#)

ACS NNRT Annual Meeting Register NOW!!



Spotlight on The Community Guide: A Vital Resource for Public Health

In 2023, the Community Preventive Services Task Force (CPSTF), which makes recommendations for “Gold Standard” effective community-based health interventions, highlighted patient navigation as an effective intervention to increase cancer screenings—specifically for breast, cervical, and colorectal cancers—among historically underserved racial and ethnic groups and individuals with lower incomes, based on a systematic review of 34 studies. This guide can be referenced when citing the evidence base that patient navigation services increase [breast](#), [cervical](#), and [colorectal](#) cancer screenings among historically disadvantaged racial and ethnic populations and people with lower incomes.

For more information on the recommendation: <https://www.thecommunityguide.org/news/cpstf-recommends-patient-navigation-services-increase-cancer-screening-advance-health-equity.html>

September 11, 2024 at 1:00 pm ET The Community Guide Webinar
“Enhancing Colorectal Cancer Screening Through Effective Patient Navigation: Integrating CPSTF Recommendations for Economic Impact”

Please see the attached Webinar that you can share the information and registration!

Webinar Registration



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“Enhancing Colorectal Cancer Screening Through Effective Patient Navigation: Integrating CPSTF Recommendations for Economic Impact”

September 11, 2024 from 1:00 pm – 2:30pm ET

Register HERE

ACS NNRT is pleased to facilitate a webinar with national thought leaders from the Professional Oncology Navigation Task Force and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Community Guide Program and Division of Cancer Prevention and Control.

Speakers will discuss [The Community Guide](#) –

- How to explore CPSTF findings
- Effectiveness in Increasing Screening Rates
- Cost-Effectiveness and Return on Investment
- Comprehensive Support and Culturally Appropriate Services
- Learning from others to apply in improve your program

We will also address ACS NNRT Sustainability for Patient Navigation as well as ways that [Comprehensive Cancer Control](#) coalitions might promote patient navigation centered screening strategies through their collaborative efforts across the country.

The American Cancer Society National Navigation Roundtable (ACS NNRT) was established in 2017. The ACS NNRT is a national coalition of 80 member organizations to advance navigation efforts that eliminate barriers to quality care, reduce disparities, and foster ongoing health equity across the cancer continuum. The American Cancer Society provides organizational leadership and expert staff support to the ACS NNRT.

Visit ACS NNRT's website

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The ACS NNRT is one of the American Cancer Society's six mission-critical national roundtables. Learn about the national roundtable model and how these six organizations are uniting organizations in collaborative partnerships to advance their shared visions to give all people a fair and just opportunity to prevent and survive cancer.

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