



## WISCONSIN CANCER TREATMENT FAIRNESS ACT

Last week I joined State Senator Alberta Darling and State Representative Pat Strachota along with 55 colleagues in the Wisconsin legislature to co-sponsor and introduce the Cancer Treatment Fairness Act, a law already passed by 26 other states across the nation to assure that patients who have insurance will be able to access the anti-cancer drugs their doctors prescribe for them. Under the proposed bill, if a health insurance plan regulated by the state covers chemotherapy, then the out-of-pocket costs for patients must be the same regardless of how the treatment is dispensed – in a pill form or as an IV. Doctors are increasingly prescribing a pill form of chemotherapy. For some patients, the only treatment that will work for them comes in a pill form. This legislative change is even more important considering the future of cancer treatment. Researchers estimate that 25 to 35 percent of the new anti-cancer drugs are available only in pill form. There are many advantages to oral chemotherapy, including convenience because pills can be taken at home with fewer side effects, allowing patients undergoing treatment to continue to work and care for their families while they fight their disease, and the increased effectiveness of these targeted medications. According to Ann Marie Frakes, Executive Director of Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Wisconsin Chapter 87 people receive a cancer diagnosis every day. I am proud to co-sponsor this bi-partisan, commonsense legislation that will help to bring Wisconsin in line with national practices, and improve cancer treatment and care.

### COMMUNITY ALERT

**NAACP Milwaukee  
Branch Freedom Fund  
Dinner**

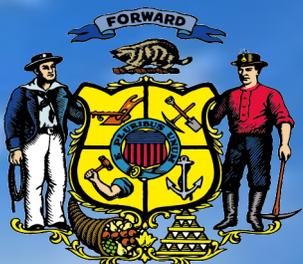
September 20th  
5:30 PM

Pfister Hotel  
424 E. Wisconsin Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI

Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always, I'm  
Here to Serve!





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**AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ENROLLMENT: OCT. 1st**

The enrollment period for the ACA opens on October 1st. Four key messages to remember about the ACA:

- Plans cannot deny you for pre-existing conditions
- All insurance plans will have to cover doctor visits, hospitalization, maternity care, ER care, and prescriptions
- Insurance plans will have to show costs and what is covered in simple language
- You might be eligible for financial aid

**REMEMBERING BARBARA HORTON**

This week the State Senate unanimously adopted a resolution I co-sponsored to honor the life and achievements of former acting Superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools, Barbara Horton. Ms. Horton dedicated her entire life to the pursuit of education. She worked as the Director of Human Resources for MPS, acting Superintendent of MPS, a member of Milwaukee Board of School Directors and as the Executive Director of the Darrell Lynn Hines College Preparatory Academy of Excellence at the time of her passing in May. It was an honor to recognize the life of this great woman who gave so much to her community and the children of Milwaukee.

**Wise Words of the Week!**

Contact Us!

We Enjoy  
Hearing  
From You!

*“Continuous effort– not strength or intelligence– is the key to unlocking our potential”*

— Winston Churchill



*“Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men.”*

— John F. Kennedy

