

THE CHANGE ACT OF 2018 (H.R. 4957 / S. 2387) CONCENTRATING ON HIGH-VALUE ALZHEIMER'S NEEDS TO GET TO AN END

BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION THAT ENCOURAGES TIMELY AND ACCURATE ASSESSMENT, DETECTION AND DIAGNOSIS OF ALZHEIMER'S, SUPPORTS INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO **SUPPORT FAMILY CAREGIVERS**, AND **REMOVES REGULATORY BARRIERS** TO DISEASE MODIFYING TREATMENTS

WHY IS THE CHANGE ACT NEEDED?

SURGE IN THE NUMBER OF ALZHEIMER'S PATIENTS

Today, there are nearly **double** the number of individuals in the United States with Alzheimer's Disease compared to 1980. It is expected that by 2050, as many as **16 million** people in the U.S. will have Alzheimer's or another Dementia disease.

CURRENT LIMITED OPTIONS FOR THE 3RD DEADLIEST DISEASE

Alzheimer's Disease is the **only disease** in the top 10 causes of death that does not currently have effective prevention, treatment, or cures.

HIGH TREATMENT COSTS FOR TAXPAYERS

It is estimated that in 2017 alone, the United States endured **\$175 billion** in direct costs to its Medicaid and Medicare programs in relation to the treatment of Alzheimer's disease. This number is expected to rise to more than **\$1.1 trillion** in 2050.

KEY PROVISIONS OF THE CHANGE ACT

REQUIRES COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT DETECTION BENEFITS FOR MEDICARE VISITS

Medicare is required to identify a reliable cognition impairment detection tool to help clinicians detect and diagnose Alzheimer's and related dementias at their earliest stages, **increasing patient contribution and the speed and quality of clinical trials**.

REQUIRES NEW COMPREHENSIVE CONTINUUM OF CARE FRAMEWORK

Require Medicare, through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, to evaluate delivery models seeking to provide a **continuum of care throughout the Alzheimer's and dementia spectrum**.

INSTITUTES NEW MEDICARE QUALITY PAYMENT PROGRAM

Quality measures within Medicare to incent and subsequently evaluate behavior by both providers and Medicare Advantage plans regarding **policies that promote health brain lifestyles**, address risk factors of Alzheimer's and provide timely and accurate diagnoses and subsequent care planning services.