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### **Cancer Insurance Checklist Empowers Thousands of People Touched by Cancer as Implementation of the Affordable Care Act continues**

(Washington, DC) – [Men's Health Network](#) (MHN) and a group of 18 partnering cancer and patient advocacy organizations launched today the [CancerInsuranceChecklist.org](#) web site, a new resource to help people with cancer, a history of cancer or a risk of cancer choose insurance plans in the new state-based Health Insurance Marketplaces opening on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Cancer Insurance Checklist guides consumers to review the coverage within each insurance plan they are considering, including coverage for services provided by their health care team, where care is delivered, medications and various common cancer treatments and services they may need. The Checklist also provides a worksheet to help the consumer detail the costs associated with each plan. The Checklist is designed to be used while evaluating insurance plans and also when discussing them with a navigator or health care provider.

**"Men's Health Network has been pleased to partner with all of the organizations involved in developing the Cancer Insurance Checklist," said Brandon Leonard, Director of Strategic Initiatives at MHN. "We believe the Checklist will be a valuable tool in assisting those touched by cancer as they consider the insurance options that best meet their needs and budgets."**

People with cancer concerns can download and print the Cancer Insurance Checklist free of charge by visiting [CancerInsuranceChecklist.org](#). There, they will also find a comprehensive list of additional resources including a full glossary of terms relevant to insurance coverage decisions.

The Cancer Insurance Checklist was created through a partnership of the following organizations: The Assistance Fund, Association of Community Cancer Centers, Avalere Health, Cancer Support Community, Chronic Disease Fund, Cutaneous

Lymphoma Foundation, International Myeloma Foundation, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Living Beyond Breast Cancer, Lung Cancer Alliance, Melanoma Research Foundation, Men's Health Network, National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, National Patient Advocate Foundation, Oncology Nursing Society, Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, Patient Advocate Foundation, Patient Services, Inc. and Prevent Cancer Foundation. Production costs for the Cancer Insurance Checklist were supported by a grant from Novartis Oncology.

*Men's Health Network* (MHN) is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to reach men, boys, and their families where they live, work, play, and pray with health prevention messages and tools, screening programs, educational materials, advocacy opportunities, and patient navigation. Learn more about MHN at [www.menshealthnetwork.org](http://www.menshealthnetwork.org) and follow them on Twitter @MensHlthNetwork and [facebook.com/menshealthnetwork](https://facebook.com/menshealthnetwork)

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