

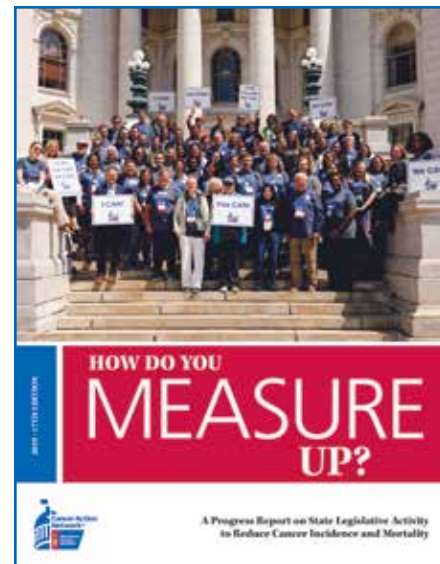
# NEW YORK

## How Does Your State Measure Up?

The 17th edition of *How Do You Measure Up?*, along with this one-page summary, illustrates how your state stands on issues that play a critical role in reducing cancer incidence and death. The goal of every state should be to achieve “green” in each policy area delineated in the report. By implementing the solutions set forth in the report, state legislators have a unique opportunity to save lives, save money and fight back against cancer. How does your state measure up?

To read this report online, please go to: [www.fightcancer.org/measure](http://www.fightcancer.org/measure)

**Number of Areas that Met Green Benchmarks: 4 of 8**



### Performance Area

- G** Green represents a state has adopted evidence-based policies and best practices
- Y** Yellow indicates moderate movement toward the benchmark
- R** Red shows where states are falling short

#### Access to Care

State Decisions on Increasing Access to Health Care Through Medicaid Up to 138% FPL

- G** State has broadened Medicaid eligibility, covering individuals under 138% FPL (\$17,236/year for an individual; \$35,535/year for a family of four)

#### Quality of Life

Establishing a Palliative Statewide Expert Advisory Council

- Y** Has not passed the model legislation but has statewide programs in place that closely align with the main tenets of the model legislation

2019 Pain Policy in the States

- Y** 50%-80% match to model policy

#### Prevention

2019 State Cigarette Excise Tax Rates, \$4.35 per pack

- G** Above the national average of \$1.81 per pack

Smoke-free Legislation at the State Level

- G** 100% smoke-free in non-hospitality workplaces, restaurants and bars

Fiscal Year 2019 State Funding for Tobacco Control, \$39.8 million annually – 19.6% of CDC recommended spending

- R** 1-24.9% of the CDC recommended funding level

Medicaid Coverage of Tobacco Cessation Treatments (Traditional Medicaid)

- Y** At least 1 type of counseling (individual, group, or telephone) and at least 1 FDA-approved tobacco cessation medication covered for all enrollees

State Laws Prohibiting Minors from Using Tanning Devices

- G** State law prohibiting tanning for minors (under age 18) with no exemptions

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## ACS CAN

ACS CAN, the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, supports evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. ACS CAN works to encourage elected officials and candidates to make cancer a top national priority. ACS CAN gives ordinary people extraordinary power to fight cancer with the training and tools they need to make their voices heard. For more information, visit [www.fightcancer.org](http://www.fightcancer.org).

## BLUEPRINT FOR LEGISLATORS

For the seventeenth year, ACS CAN has published a blueprint for state legislators on how to save more lives from cancer. Framed entirely on evidence-based policy approaches, *How Do You Measure Up?* provides an outline of what states can do to reduce the cancer burden and provides a snapshot of how states are progressing on critical public health measures.

## HANGING IN THE BALANCE

Hanging in the Balance is a special reoccurring feature of the *How Do You Measure Up?* report. This year's special section examines efforts to stem youth tobacco product use by raising the legal age of sale for tobacco to 21. Age of sale bills, while well-intentioned, are ripe for cooption by the tobacco industry, and it's critical that lawmakers design comprehensive policies that will effectively prevent youth access to tobacco products and not pass industry-friendly laws that undermine effective tobacco control or preempt the authority of local governments.

## CALL TO ACTION

The data in this year's edition of *How Do You Measure Up?* show that there is still much public policy work to be done to achieve our mission of eliminating suffering and death from cancer. It is estimated that nearly 1.7 million people in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer in 2019 and more than 606,000 people will die from the disease this year alone. ACS CAN is dedicated to ensuring that lawmakers enact state health policies that help prevent cancer and save lives.

In many cases, it costs the state little or nothing to do the right thing. In most cases, these solutions will save the state millions and perhaps billions of dollars in health care costs and increased worker productivity. If you want to learn more about ACS CAN's programs or inquire about a topic not covered in this report, please contact the ACS CAN State and Local Campaigns team at [measure@cancer.org](mailto:measure@cancer.org). You can also visit us online at [www.fightcancer.org](http://www.fightcancer.org).



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