



[Bill would help protect Wyoming cancer patients' access to care](#)

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Receiving a serious diagnosis comes with enough uncertainty. Whether a patient can access the care they need shouldn't be another worry ("Local care in Wyoming hinges on fixing flawed policy," Sept. 5). Yet, as an oncologist, I've seen too many Wyoming patients shoulder this burden. I see multiple patients who drive more than an hour to receive care at our practice in Colorado, as they can't access a breast specialist in Wyoming.

Like David Flemming and countless oncologists across the country, I am concerned that upcoming changes under the Inflation Reduction Act will only worsen this care crisis. Without adequate reimbursement for critical cancer drugs, the few remaining community oncology clinics in Wyoming and even in neighboring states may be forced to scale back or cease operations.

Thankfully, Senator John Barrasso recognizes this threat and has long been a champion for reform. As a physician and as someone who understands rural healthcare, Senator Barrasso continues to lead on this issue, and I look forward to him reintroducing the Senate companion to the Protecting Patient Access to Cancer and Complex Therapies Act (H.R. 4299).

Cancer patients across Wyoming, Colorado and our country need this bill to protect accessible and affordable community-based cancer care.

Thank you, Senator Barrasso, for fighting to ensure that patients can access high-quality, independent cancer treatments close to home. Now, I urge Congress to pass this important legislation this year.