

Executive Summary

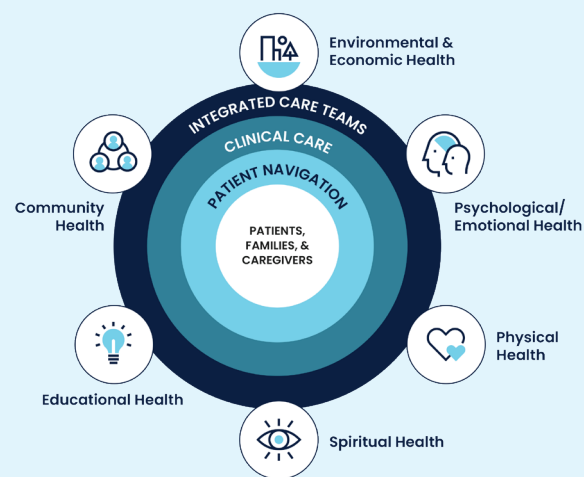
Supportive Cancer Care Common Purchasing Agreement

The Opportunity

Cancer affects more than two million Americans annually, with nearly half of diagnoses occurring among working-age adults. Beyond the clinical impacts of disease, cancer can create substantial emotional, financial, workplace, and caregiving burdens for employees and their families. By making supportive cancer care services available to plan members, employers and public purchasers can improve outcomes, enhance patient experience, and reduce avoidable healthcare costs.

What Is Supportive Cancer Care?

Supportive cancer care is an evidence-based, whole-person approach that addresses the multifaceted needs of patients and caregivers across the cancer and survivorship journey. It encompasses six interrelated domains that can be influenced through benefit offerings, clinical processes, care team coordination, and patient navigation.



source: <https://supportivecancercare.org/executive-briefing/>

Translating Into Employer Action

Although cancer remains a top priority for many organizations, few have implemented a comprehensive supportive cancer care strategy. To help close this gap, PBGH convened employers and public purchasers to develop a Common Purchasing Agreement that translates supportive cancer care principles into actionable strategies for procurement, contracting, and partner accountability.

PBGH Purchasing Principles

- PRINCIPLE #1:** High-quality, evidence-based, and patient-centered supportive cancer care that optimizes outcomes and includes access to whole-person (physical, psychological/emotional, spiritual, educational, environmental/economic, and community) support for people with cancer, their caregivers, and families.
- PRINCIPLE #2:** Equitable supportive cancer care that promotes cultural humility and respect and leads to trusted relationships with members of the care team for all patients.
- PRINCIPLE #3:** Care team coordination and navigation that promotes timely supportive cancer care through all phases of prevention, diagnosis, treatment, survivorship, and end of life.
- PRINCIPLE #4:** Value-based payments that enable care teams to deliver supportive cancer care outside of traditional fee-for-service arrangements.
- PRINCIPLE #5:** Transparency and accountability on supportive cancer care quality, patient-reported outcomes, access, and healthcare cost stratified by race, ethnicity, and language (REaL) and sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) indicators.

Key Employer and Public Purchaser Strategies

- ✓ Assess current benefits and identify gaps across supportive cancer care domains.
- ✓ Reduce administrative and financial barriers to high-value supportive services.
- ✓ Strengthen cancer navigation and care coordination programs.
- ✓ Incorporate supportive cancer care expectations into vendor RFPs and contracts.
- ✓ Advance value-based payment arrangements with plans and providers.
- ✓ Establish performance reporting and accountability requirements for partners.

Access the Tool

The PBGH Supportive Cancer Care Common Purchasing Agreement provides a practical roadmap for employers and public purchasers to make supportive cancer care a standard component of their oncology strategy. View the QR code to access the full resource, including sample RFP questions, model contracting clauses, and a measure set for claims reporting.

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