

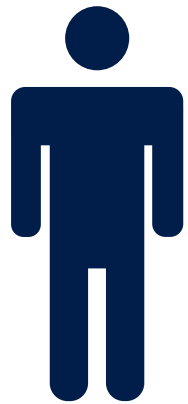
ZERO Cost to Prostate Cancer Screening: *A Lifesaving Initiative for Californians*



Make prostate cancer screening *accessible* and *affordable* statewide.

Cost sharing is an unnecessary barrier to screening for prostate cancer, which is the critical first step for diagnosis. But, it doesn't have to be this way — and it shouldn't. If prostate cancer is detected early, nearly 100% of patients will survive. This legislative proposal is simple — eliminate cost sharing for prostate cancer screening for persons at a high risk of prostate cancer. Similar legislation has already been enacted in New York and Maryland.

Individuals at a High-Risk for Prostate Cancer Include:



- All persons with a prostate over age 55
- All persons with a prostate over age 40 in a specific high risk category
- African American
- Family history of prostate cancer
- Genetic predisposition to prostate cancer
- Military Veterans

Prostate Cancer by the Numbers:

- In 2021, nearly 26,000 individuals in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer, making it the second-most diagnosed cancer in the state and the most diagnoses in the entire country.
- Prostate cancer is the fifth-leading cause of cancer-related deaths in California, and has the highest amount of prostate cancer-related deaths in the country.
- In 2021, a man is expected to die from prostate cancer every 15 minutes.
- 250,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year, and 34,130 men will die from this disease.
- Black men will be diagnosed at a rate almost 80% higher than non-Hispanic white men.
- Black men are more than twice as likely to die because of lack of access to testing and care.
- Prostate cancer rates in the military and veterans are twice that of the general population.



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