The CDC National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (NCCCP) establishes comprehensive cancer control (CCC) coalitions, defines cancer priorities in each state, tribe or territory/jurisdiction and provides the evidence base for effective cancer prevention and control. Presently, minimal funding is provided to CDC to support NCCCP in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, 7 tribes and tribal organizations, one territory, and 6 U.S. Pacific Island Jurisdictions. Additional resources would enhance the NCCCPs’ and the local CCC coalitions’ abilities to use evidence-based approaches to develop and implement environmental and systems-level changes to prevent and control cancer. Specifically, increased funding would support enhanced primary prevention efforts, increased access to early detection and quality treatment and efforts to improve the quality of life of cancer survivors.

The NCCCP has identified three priority focus areas for the next 1-2 years. CCC priorities are to: 1) coordinate and implement efforts to increase HPV vaccination coverage rates (in alignment with the President’s Cancer Panel Recommendations); 2) coordinate and implement efforts to increase colorectal cancer screening to 80% by 2018; and 3) coordinate and implement efforts to decrease tobacco prevalence among cancer survivors. Additional funding would significantly increase NCCCP grantee’s ability to move the needle in these priority areas.

**Basic Facts About Cancer**

- **Cancer kills more Americans under age 85 than any other disease or condition. One of every four deaths in the U.S. is from cancer.** and women aged 35-79 die more than twice as often from cancer than heart disease.
- Cancer kills more American Indian/Alaska Natives, Asian/Pacific Islander and Hispanic Americans than any other disease, regardless of age.
- The number of Americans living with a previous diagnosis of cancer, currently estimated at almost 14 million, is on the rise.
- Cancer cost the United States an estimated $217 billion in medical expenses in 2009, and this number is expected to increase substantially over the next 10 years.

**CDC’s National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program** NCCCP is an integrated and collaborative process through which states pool resources and work through partnerships of public and private sector stakeholders to reduce the burden of cancer. CDC is working with NCCCP grantees to focus on six strategic priorities: emphasizing primary prevention, coordinating early detection and treatment interventions, addressing the public health needs of cancer survivors, implementing policies to sustain cancer control, eliminating health disparities to achieve health equity and ensuring impact and use of evidence and evaluation. One example of how the program collaborates with key stakeholders:

- The Maryland Cancer Collaborative has prioritized worksite wellness initiatives from the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan as a means to prevent cancer. Get Healthy Kent is an initiative seeking to strengthen the primary care infrastructure in Kent County and reduce the burden of cancer and other chronic diseases by bringing healthcare and wellness to the worksite. Get Healthy Kent represents a partnership between the Kent County Health Department, local hospitals and
healthcare providers, participating worksites, and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s Healthiest Maryland Businesses initiative. As of January 2013, 46% of the total county workforce had joined the Get Healthy Kent program.

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