

YesRx Work to Remove Cancer Medication Barriers in Senate Budget 2026

Lansing, MI (June 5, 2025) – Over the last year representatives in the Michigan House and Senate have been learning of the positive work YesRx, a nonprofit charitable service organization, is doing across Michigan to help patients with cancer. In some cases, the impactful stories have come directly from the residents in their districts sharing how YesRx helps them alleviate extreme distress during challenging times, receive the cancer medication they need for free, or how YesRx offered a way for them to donate unopened cancer medication to another patient in Michigan. The Michigan Senate responded in May by including YesRx in their 2026 Budget to Support All Michiganders.

Since founding in June 2023, YesRx has woven together cancer care teams in Michigan in a unified mission to improve access to cancer medication and eliminate cancer medication waste. 3 out of 4 patients worry about paying for their cancer treatment while billions of dollars in cancer medication is thrown away every year. The YesRx Network of cancer care partners is tackling both problems with a statewide collaborative solution that works. Over 1,000 patients have received their cancer medication for free and 1,400 individuals have donated medication that they no longer needed. The YesRx mission benefits all Michiganders and has received support from both Republicans and Democrats.

“We are grateful for the support led by Senator Sylvia Santana that shines a light on the work the YesRx Network is doing to transform existing resources into life-saving solutions for vulnerable Michigan residents”, remarked Dr. Emily Mackler, YesRx Founder and Chief Medical Officer. “YesRx has been able to achieve remarkable outcomes for patients, communities, and cancer care teams on a slim startup budget. It is thrilling to plan how this funding will enable even greater efficiencies and sustainability that can positively impact thousands of Michiganders and prevent enormous amounts of medication waste every year.”

As budget conversations continue in Lansing, YesRx is hopeful that funding for this work will stay top of mind for legislators as Michigan patients and their families deserve access to these important, life-saving medications.

YesRx advances health equity in underserved communities by supporting health care partners in a sustainable ecosystem that improves cancer medication access and eliminates cancer medication waste. Learn more at www.yesrx.org.