



## Make Prostate Cancer Screening Affordable

The Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM) urges Congress to ensure Affordable Care Act (ACA) coverage for prostate cancer screening support services for high-risk men.

### These are the facts about prostate cancer.



**Second Most Common**  
Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer in men.

**11.2%**  
Men in the United States have an 11.2% lifetime risk of being diagnosed with prostate cancer.



**70% Greater Risk**  
African American men carry a 70% greater risk of being diagnosed with prostate cancer as compared to white men.

**161,360**  
In 2017, 161,360 men were diagnosed with prostate cancer in the United States.



**Twice as Likely**  
African American men are twice as likely to die from prostate cancer as compared to white men.

### These are the Recommendation Ratings provided by the United States Preventative Services Task Force (USPSTF)



**Prostate cancer screening has a "C" rating.**

- A** Offer or provide this service.
- B** Offer or provide this service.
- C** Offer or provide this service for selected patients depending on individual circumstances.
- D** Discourage the use of this service.
- I** Uncertainty regarding benefits and harms.

### This is why a "C" rating is problematic.



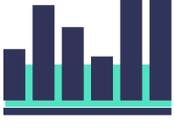
**Coverage**  
Recommendations that are given a "C" rating or lower are less likely to be reimbursed by insurance plans.



**Equity**  
High-risk groups, including African American men and men with family history, are less likely to get screened.



**Limitations**  
For some patients, preventative treatments and counseling are limited due to lack of insurance coverage.



**Complexity**  
Screening and disease counseling are complex matters that are made more difficult by lack of coverage.

### This is what the Society of Behavioral Medicine recommends.

-  Reimburse patients regardless of rating.
-  Address inequities for high-risk groups, including African Americans.
-  Expand coverage to support patient navigators.
-  Expand coverage to support training of health care providers.




**For policy makers!**