May Update: Head to the Hill Recap + Community Insights Survey

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Recap From Head to the Hill 2022: Another Successful Year

More than 300 advocates attended over 300 meetings with their members of Congress during this year’s virtual Head to the Hill to advocate for the urgent, unmet needs of the brain tumor community. Advocates shared their own stories and those of their loved ones, patients, and family members with lawmakers and their staff to make the case for increased medical research funding and improved Social Security Disability Insurance and Medicare benefits for brain tumor patients.

Whether you participated in this year’s event or not, there’s still time to support your fellow advocates by completing our Head to the Hill action alert. By sending an email and tweeting at your members of Congress, you can ensure that the voice of the brain tumor community remains a major force in shaping decisions on Capitol Hill.
Community Survey: Narrow Insurance Policy Networks

We ask advocates to complete the 4-minute survey below. Your confidential responses will help the National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS) better understand the impact of health insurance networks on patient access to high-quality care.

Depending on a patient's insurance, leading brain tumor centers and brain tumor specialists may be considered "in-network" or "out-of-network." This distinction can result in a patient/family paying substantially more out of pocket for co-pays and deductibles if a hospital is out-of-network and/or the inability to receive care at a preferred cancer center. Your participation in this survey will help NBTS more effectively advocate for patients' access to adequate brain tumor care, including their ability to receive care at hospitals with special brain tumor expertise.

Save the Date: Glioblastoma Awareness Day on July 20

The Senate unanimously passed a resolution declaring July 20, 2022, the fourth annual Glioblastoma (GBM) Awareness Day. NBTS spearheaded the recognition of the first GBM Awareness Day in 2019 to support survivors and their loved ones, remember those who are no longer with us, and honor luminaries working toward a cure and better quality of life for those who are living with this devastating disease.

We ask that you save this date on your calendar and join us as we recognize GBM patients, caregivers, families, clinicians, and others affected by a GBM diagnosis. We will share more information on that day’s programming as soon as possible.