### **ADOLESCENT & YOUNG ADULT CANCER**

**ELIMINATING BARRIERS TO SURVIVE & THRIVE** 

# FINANCIAL TOXICITY

#### CANCER CARE AND DELIVERY IS EXPENSIVE.

Even the best insurance plan does not cover housing, transportation, fertility preservation, special diets, and full-time caregivers. Patients at all ages still find treatments denied and services not fully covered even after their doctor says it is medically necessary.





more likely to file for bankrupcy



AGE AT DIAGNOSIS



AYA CANCER SURVIVORS



diagnosed between 15 & 39 annually in the US



#### \$100K LESS

in net worth compared to the general population



Nearly one in three do not return to work or school full-time after treatment

## FEDERAL PROGRAMS DO NOT PROVIDE FINANCIAL RELIEF TO 15 TO 39 YEAR OLDS AFTER A CANCER DIAGNOSIS.

Most federal assistance programs are focused on low-income, elderly, and/or disabled cancer patients. This leaves the 70,000 adolescents and young adults diagnosed each year with very few options when making decisions between life-saving care and their finances.

#### FEDERAL ADVOCACY PLAN

Critical Mass supports a federal federal relief program similar to the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act that will:

- Establish the right to terminate property leases with no penalty;
- Prevent eviction or foreclosure during treatment;
- Defer student loan payments until 180 days after cancer care ends;
- Cap all interest rates at six percent and protect credit ratings; and
- Postpone civil court and civil administrative proceedings.

IT'S TIME TO TRANSFORM THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS IMPACTED BY CANCER.

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