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Senators Push For Oral Cancer Coverage Sooner Than 2006

The Senate report also urged CMS to address the "unintended consequences" of current reimbursement policies that don't cover oral anti-cancer therapies under Medicare Part B. Medicare only covers cancer drugs that a physician administers, which bars access to some potent therapies.

But cancer providers and oncology societies express puzzlement about this language in the Senate report, because the Medicare Part D prescription drug program that takes effect next year will cover oral medications.