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Ask: Ensure PCORI Reauthorization is in the final health extenders package

What Does PCORI Do?

PCORI is a nonprofit organization authorized by Congress to fund comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER), which is research that compares two or more health care options to determine what works best for whom, and under what circumstances. The studies are designed to produce useful information that will help patients, caregivers, clinicians, employers, insurers, and policy makers make better-informed decisions.

Why Do We Need PCORI?

Traditional research does not always address the questions patients face daily about which care approaches work best for them; PCORI is the only organization dedicated to funding such studies. PCORI also is the only research funder that requires its researchers to engage patients throughout the research process.

> PCORI research focuses on neglected issues:
> - Conditions that heavily burden patients, families, or the health care system
> - Chronic or multiple conditions
> - Rare and understudied conditions
> - Conditions with varied outcomes across subpopulations

As of April 2019, PCORI has awarded $301 million to fund 68 CER studies related to cardiovascular disease.

How Is PCORI Funded?

PCORI is funded through the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Trust Fund (PCOR Trust Fund), which Congress established through the Affordable Care Act. There are three funding streams: appropriations from the general fund of the Treasury, transfers from the CMS trust funds, and a fee on private insurance and self-insured health plans. The PCOR Trust Fund will receive $150 million annually from the general fund through this year.

MORE THAN
$2.1B
AWARDED

MORE THAN
600
RESEARCH-RELATED PROJECTS

What Is Reauthorization?

PCORI's current authorization will expire September 30, 2019. At that point, PCORI will no longer have the authority to commit to new research grants, and only previously-awarded grants will continue to be funded. **However, Congress can reauthorize PCORI so that it can continue funding critical patient-centered CER and improving the health care system for all.**