

TODAY is WORLD LYMPHEDEMA DAY: COSPONSOR the LYMPHEDEMA TREATMENT ACT

Sending Office: Honorable Janice D. Schakowsky

Request for Cosponsor(s)

[BECOME AN ORIGINAL COSPONSOR OF THE LYMPHEDEMA TREATMENT ACT](#)

Please join Representatives Jan Schakowsky, Buddy Carter, Earl Blumenauer, and Mike Kelly in reintroducing the Lymphedema Treatment Act (LTA)

The LTA enjoys strong support from a broad coalition of patient advocacy, health provider, and health industry groups, including the American Cancer Society, the American Medical Association, the Lymphedema Advocacy Group, the Lymphatic Education and Research Network, the Oncology Nursing Society, 3M, the American Physical Therapy Association, and the American Occupational Therapy Association

Dear Colleague:

In recognition that today, March 6, is World Lymphedema Day, we invite you to join the Lymphedema Treatment Act as an original cosponsor. Last Congress, **385 members** of the House of Representatives cosponsored this bipartisan and bicameral legislation and we welcome your support again. The bill text is the same from [last Congress](#), with the exception of the effective date. A complete one-pager is below.

- The Lymphedema Treatment Act (LTA) would require Medicare Part B to cover physician-prescribed compression therapy items that are used to treat lymphedema.
- The legislation defines these items to include multi-layer compression bandaging systems; custom or standard fit gradient compression garments; non-elastic and low-elastic compression garments and compression wraps and directional flow pads; and any other compression items determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to be effective in treating lymphedema.
- Numerous studies on compression therapy suggest this legislation has the potential to lower total health care costs associated with lymphedema by decreasing the incidence of lymphedema-related complications, comorbidities, and disabilities.

To learn more or to cosponsor, please contact Osaremen Okolo (Representative Schakowsky)

Sincerely,

Jan Schakowsky
Member of Congress

Buddy Carter
Member of Congress

Earl Blumenauer
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Mike Kelly
Member of Congress