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**Michigan Legislature Invests \$1 Million in YesRx to
Put No-Cost Cancer Medication in the Hands of Patients Statewide**

Funding will expand the medication donation program, recovering life-saving treatment that would otherwise go to waste — to reach an estimated 2,000 more residents in 2027

Lansing, Mich. — July 16, 2026 — YesRx, a Michigan nonprofit and the nation's largest cancer drug repository network, actively redistributes donated cancer medications to patients in need of help. Today the nonprofit announced \$1 million in new state funding dedicated to the cancer drug repository (CDR) program. The Legislature approved the funding to improve medication access and decrease medication waste, enabling YesRx to expand the program to an estimated 2,000 residents in 2027, more than doubling the number of patients served.

"No one should face financial hardship because of a cancer diagnosis. As chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee for Health and Human Services, I seek out investments that lower costs and reach the people who need them most — and YesRx does exactly that. It takes cancer medication that would otherwise be wasted and gets it to patients in communities like mine, where the cost of treatment too often stands between people and their care," said state Sen. Sylvia Santana (D-Detroit).

Patients and families are too often faced with a cancer diagnosis that comes with unaffordable prescription costs that can result in skipped doses or interrupted treatment when choosing to keep the lights on and food on the table. YesRx addresses this by recovering unused, donated medications and getting them directly to the people who need them — at no cost. Since launching, YesRx has provided 2,057 patients with the cancer treatment they need.

Twenty years after Public Act 416 enacted the CDR program, and with bipartisan support, the Legislature has made a milestone investment in cancer care delivery across Michigan. Over the last three years the CDR program underwent a historic surge in utilization — a direct benefit to residents made possible by the formation of YesRx and its collaborative statewide network that activates existing infrastructure across the state. In that time, YesRx has recovered \$47 million in life-saving cancer treatment.

"The best investments are the ones that stretch every dollar. Perfectly good cancer medication was being thrown away while families across Michigan struggled to afford treatment — that's a problem worth fixing. This funding helps YesRx recover that medication and get it directly to the patients who need it, in every corner of the state," said state Rep. John Roth (R-Interlochen), chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Services.

This funding support will enable YesRx, an organization with two employees, to transition from manual to digital processes — advancing an innovative model for collecting donated cancer medication and redistributing it to residents in need, safely and efficiently.

"YesRx is delivering faster treatments to people fighting cancer and saving us all money." Said Sen Irwin (D-Ann Arbor). "YesRx does it by preventing waste in the healthcare system and connecting people to life-saving drugs that would otherwise be thrown out."

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About YesRx

YesRx formed in June 2023, with the founding support of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Value Partnerships Program via the Michigan Oncology Quality Consortium, Trinity Health Michigan, and the Michigan Society of Hematology and Oncology. YesRx helps individuals across the U.S. donate unused cancer medications to patients facing affordability and access barriers. YesRx keeps patients on the treatments they need at no cost while protecting land and water from medication waste for future generations. Cancer help is here — learn more at www.yesrx.org.

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