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Todd Brinton Testifies Before Congress



On July 18, Todd Brinton, Chief Scientific Officer, testified before the House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee at the hearing, "Innovation Saves Lives: Evaluating Medicare Coverage Pathways for Innovative Drugs, Medical Devices, and Technology." Dr. Brinton highlighted Edwards' dedication to innovation and the importance of the updated Transitional Coverage for Emerging Technologies (TCET). TCET is a new pathway for Breakthrough Devices to obtain timely Medicare coverage. Dr. Brinton commented, "The proposed Transitional Coverage for Emerging Technologies coverage pathway holds promise for addressing the needs of patients. While there are some areas in the proposal for clarification or feedback, we believe this is a step forward in building a more timely coverage pathway." To see Dr. Brinton's testimony and the entire hearing, click [here](#).

Health Care Leadership Council Exposition



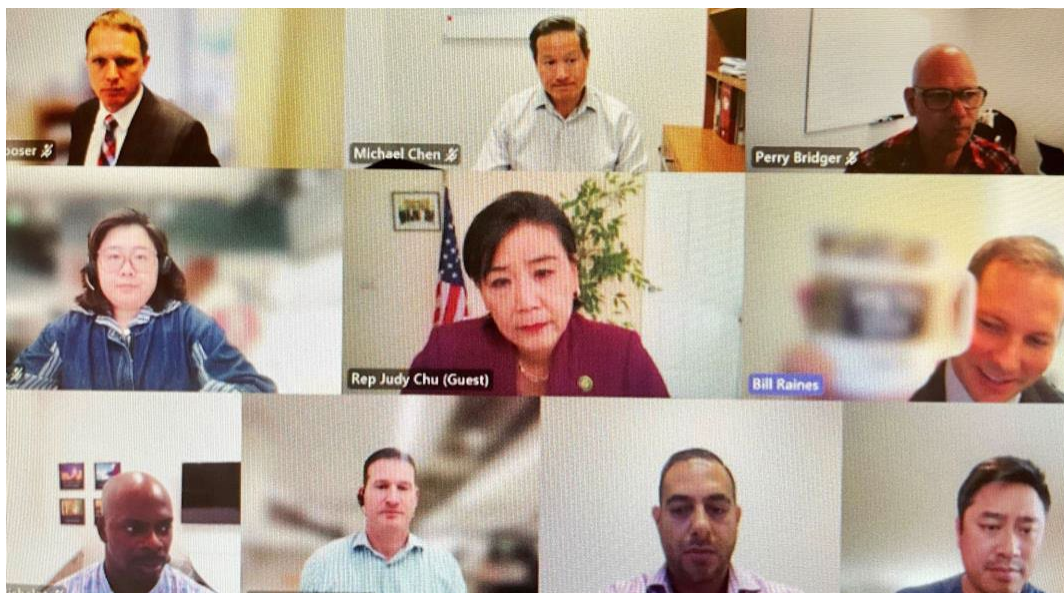
Pictured from left to right: GA Team with Rep. Lou Correa (D-CA), Rep. Larry Buschon (R-IN), GA Team with Rep. Young Kim (R-CA) at the HCL Innovation Exposition

On July 12, the Healthcare Leadership Council hosted an Innovation Exposition on Capitol Hill, providing an opportunity for Members of Congress to interact with healthcare companies and showcase the lifesaving products being advanced by the industry. Edwards' exhibit highlighted our work on transcatheter therapies, including TAVR and a transcatheter tricuspid valve therapy for patients experiencing tricuspid regurgitation, a debilitating disease with no current FDA-approved treatment.

Mid-Year PAC and State Spending Review

Join the GA Team for a discussion on the PAC and state spending for the first half of 2023 on **August 9 at 11:30 AM PT/2:30 PM ET**. The 2023 spending has been added to the Edwards Lifesciences corporate political disclosure and accountability [webpage](#).

Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA) Teams Town Hall



On June 26, the Edwards PAC and the ASIA ERG hosted a Teams Town Hall with Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA). Rep. Chu was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in July 2009 and represents the 28th Congressional District of California, which includes Pasadena and the west San Gabriel Valley of southern California. During the Town Hall, the Congresswoman highlighted her work as a member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over legislation pertaining to taxes, revenues, Social Security, and Medicare. She also highlighted her work addressing health disparities, including her leadership in Congress tackling disparities in TAVR specifically. The Town Hall concluded with a robust Q&A with participants.

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Teams Town Hall with Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-IA)



On July 17, Representative Randy Feenstra (R-IA) joined Edwards PAC members for a Teams Town Hall to discuss his background, his priorities as a Member of Congress, and even his experience working in the candy industry. Having completed his Ph.D. in Health Administration in 2022, Rep. Feenstra spoke about the health care access challenges facing his rural district, and how his role on the Ways & Means Committee allows him to engage on bipartisan solutions to better serve patients, including policies to help address substance use disorders. Edwards PAC members were particularly delighted to learn about Iowa's famous "Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa", or RAGRAI, from Ames to Des Moines, which has grown to be the world's biggest annual bicycle tour, with 28,000 registered riders this year.

Thinking about increasing your Edwards PAC contribution? Receive a shiny new Yeti Mug!



The annual Edwards PAC membership drive is continuing throughout the summer. This is a special opportunity for you to be rewarded for increasing your contribution to the Edwards PAC. The GA Team is giving away new Edwards PAC branded Yeti mugs. If you increase your contribution by any amount, you will be entered into a raffle to win one.

However, if you increase your contribution by \$10 you will automatically receive a mug (no luck required!).

If you want to increase, just click on the button below. Please elect the amount that you would like your entire contribution to be, not just the amount you are adding.

For any questions, please contact Heather Villarreal at heather_villarreal@edward.com.

[I want a mug!](#)

Policy Wonk Minute – What is Transitional Coverage for Emerging Technologies (TCET)?

The quick definition:

- The TCET is a new pathway for Breakthrough Devices to obtain timely Medicare coverage

- TCET complements the existing Parallel Review program
- TCET will incorporate Coverage with Evidence (CED) to create an approved Evidence Development Plan (EDP)
- CMS' goal to finalize TCET coverage within 6 months of FDA market authorization and will reconsider the TCET coverage determination within 3-5 years

The very wonky definition:

On June 22, 2023, Medicare issued a proposed notice with public comment known as the "Transitional Coverage for Emerging Technologies" (TCET). This proposed sub-regulatory framework is a new coverage process that adds onto the existing National Coverage Determinations (NCD) and Coverage with Evidence Development CED pathways by creating new mechanisms for manufacturers to communicate with the FDA and CMS earlier in the approval and coverage processes. While this framework would allow CMS to engage with certain FDA-designated Breakthrough Devices prior to coming to market, it would still require innovators to go through a lengthy evidence development process without a predictable or transparent coverage pathway. It remains to be seen whether and how lessons from the failures of the parallel review pathway will be applied to make the TCET process more successful.

National Journal Content Available to Edwards PAC Members



If you truly are a political junkie or want to learn more about politics, the GA Team has expanded the Edwards Lifesciences National Journal subscription to allow access to certain events to Edwards PAC members.

National Journal's events showcase research, insights, policy coverage and journalism through webinars. Register via these links or reach out to [Christie Ankrum](#) to RSVP.

Cook Catch Up Series [RSVP](#)

Join Charlie Cook as he provides his recap of the week, shares his latest outlook on the political landscape, and answers your questions.

Hotline Power Hour Series [RSVP](#)

Join the Hotline team as they discuss the outcomes of primaries, what that could mean for November, and the potential make-up of the 118th Congress.

Welcome to our new Edwards PAC Members!

New Members who have joined since June 1, 2023

Trent LeBoeuf, Director, Clinical Services
Mitesh Shah, Director, IT Program Management
Anthony Vrba, Senior Vice President, Engineering

PAC Puzzler: Trivia

Last Month's Trivia Question:

What President allowed his six children to bring their pets to the White House which included a small bear, a lizard, guinea pigs, a snake, a hyena, a rabbit, and more?

Answer: Teddy Roosevelt

Congratulations to Kurt Eberle, Vice President, Customer Solutions, Strategic Accounts, Marketing & Commercial Contracts who answered the question first.

New Trivia Question:

What president just released his summer reading list and when did he start releasing the list? What years did he skip?

Whoever e-mails Edwards_PAC@edwards.com with the correct answer first will win a Yeti Mug.

Happy Summer, stay cool out there!



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