

**THE FACES OF LYMPHOMA
REAL PEOPLE WHO NEED YOU TO ACT NOW TO REVERSE CMS-1392-FC**



**HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO THE PRESIDENT
AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**

'Twas just days before recess, when all through the nation
Lymphoma patients were stirring with nervous anticipation.

Their letters to Congress were written with care,
In hopes that Bexxar and Zevalin would still be there.

Their families and friends had called Congress, too,
Dismayed by the ruling Thirteen Ninety Two.

CMS had imposed it with data so bad

That everyone wondered if the agency'd gone mad.

These drugs had sent many into long periods of remission -
Ten or more years with no recurring condition.

And though some had whispered that these drugs were cures,

No one will get them if CMS ruling endures.

"Oh dear" cried the people in Lymphoma Land,

"Does CMS really not understand

That the consequences of its ruling will be dire and severe
If these treatments are allowed to disappear?"

Thousands of people rose up with such clatter

That Congress stepped in to see what was the matter.

The people had spoken, there were stories galore

In unison, they'd said, "This ruling we abhor."

"We can't take more chemo," some folks cried.

"And a stem cell transplant we cannot abide.

Our doctors should decide what is best for our case,

When reimbursement rates drive treatments – that's a disgrace!"

At the wastefulness some others were utterly dismayed.

"These drugs were developed with taxes WE paid.

It's unthinkable that you'd throw our money away.

You must stop this ruling without delay."

A man in his 70's begged for his daughter's life

While a husband pleaded to grow old with his wife.

A young father of two wanted to know

Why CMS would deny him the chance to see his sons grow.

And a widowed mother of three, with Bexxar soon planned,

Wanted Congress to hear her and to understand.

"Iraq took my husband. He died in your war.

Now you'll orphan my children by denying Bexxar?"

From every state in the nation the people cried,

"Our lives are at stake. These drugs can't be denied.

If this is the season of joy and giving,

We beg you to give us the gift of living."

Now Congressmen! Now Senators! Now President Bush!

Reverse this ruling and put on the push!

It takes effect on January One.

Please be our heroes and get this done!

**FROM: PATIENTS AGAINST LYMPHOMA on behalf of the
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