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ADVOCACY PRIORITIES AND PROGRAMS



TOP 3 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Living Donor Protection Act

(H.R. 1224/S.511)

Support legislation that would prohibit discrimination in the pricing or availability of life, disability or long-term care insurance for living donors. The bill also adds living donation to the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

Extending Medicare Coverage for Immunosuppressive Medication

Transplant recipients need these drugs to maintain their kidney and lower risk of rejection. Medicare covers immunosuppressants for only 36 months post-transplant, leaving many recipients struggling to find affordable coverage. Extending Medicare coverage for immunosuppressive medications indefinitely ensures patients have access to these lifesaving medications.

Appropriations

Increase funding in Fiscal Year 2020 for: CDC's Division of Diabetes Translation's (DDT) CKD Surveillance Project; the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Division of Transplantation and Bureau of Primary Care; the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK); and KidneyX, the Kidney Innovation Accelerator.

NKF'S ADVOCACY EFFORTS

Kidney Advocacy Committee (KAC)

Consists of more than 200 patient liaisons who use their personal experience to advance NKF's advocacy efforts. The committee comprises those with early stages of CKD, dialysis patients, transplant recipients, living donors, family members, and caregivers. KAC liaisons also represent the NKF through local and national media outreach and on various local committees and advisory boards relating to kidney disease.

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Kidney Outreach Team (KO Team)

An advocacy organization for practitioners and other select advocates to engage in changing kidney disease public policy through building and strengthening relationships with, and educating, their legislators.

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Advocacy in Action blog

Outlines important legislative updates and documents our current advocacy efforts.

nkfadvocacy.wordpress.com

Annual Kidney Patient Summit

Kick starts National Kidney Month (March) by bringing patient advocates throughout the country to our nation's capital to raise awareness of CKD. Advocates learn about current legislation and tips for sharing their personal connection to kidney disease. They meet with their legislators to influence legislation to improve the lives of kidney patients.

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[6th-annual-kidney-patient-advocacy-summit/](https://advocacy.kidney.org/6th-annual-kidney-patient-advocacy-summit/)

Advocacy Action Center

Allows for easy contact with Congress. Subscribers receive email alerts when their help is needed on legislation and guidance to email their legislators to request their support. They also have the option to include personal notes explaining why the legislation is important to them. We have over 113,000 subscribers to our Advocacy Action Center.

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