



NATIONAL KIDNEY
FOUNDATION®

ADVOCACY PRIORITIES AND PROGRAMS



TOP 3 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

More Funding for Kidney Health

We are asking Congress for at least \$50 million to fund the creation of a Special Kidney Program to focus on all aspects of kidney disease including research, awareness, prevention, early diagnosis, innovative treatment approaches, and transplantation.

Living Donor Protection Act

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).

Increasing Access to Care and Addressing Health Disparities

NKF supports legislation to reduce barriers to home dialysis, increase access to transplantation and innovative treatments, and improve education, awareness, and treatment in high-risk communities.

NKF'S ADVOCACY EFFORTS

Kidney Advocacy Committee (KAC)

Consisting of more than 250 patient champions who use their personal experience to advance NKF's advocacy efforts and outreach programs. KAC also represents the NKF through media outreach and on various local committees and advisory boards relating to kidney disease. The committee is comprised of those with early stages of CKD, dialysis patients, transplant recipients, living donors, and caregivers.

[kidney.org/advocacy/advocate](https://www.kidney.org/advocacy/advocate)

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 starting National Kidney Month (March) by providing patient advocates throughout the country an opportunity to raise awareness about CKD in Congress. Advocates learn about current legislation and tips for sharing their personal connection to CKD with legislators. They meet with their legislators to influence legislation improving the lives of kidney patients.

advocacy.kidney.org/virtual-kps/

The Advocacy Action Center

Allows for easy contact with Congress. Subscribers receive email alerts when their help is needed to ask their legislators to support legislation. We have over 144,000 subscribers to our Advocacy Action Center.

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