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TOP 10 2017-2018 ADVOCACY SUCCESSES

1. More than 80 co-sponsors for the Living Donor Protection Act (H.R. 1270) in the U.S. House of Representatives, twice as many as the last two-year Congress.
2. Congress introduced H.R. 3867, championed by the National Kidney Foundation, to promote the early detection and treatment of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) via a voluntary, multi-disciplinary Medicare pilot program.
3. Developed a novel alternative payment model, CKDintercept: Comprehensive Chronic Kidney Disease Care Model, for improving patient-focused kidney care designed to improve testing for CKD, identify it early, improve care coordination, and ease care transitions for those that progress to advanced CKD and end-stage renal disease (ESRD).
4. Collaborated with Rep. Herrera Beutler (R-WA) to secure a U.S. Department of Labor opinion letter clarifying that living organ donation is included in Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) benefits.
5. Defended Pennsylvania's Chronic Renal Disease Program (CRDP), generating 1,750 letters, tweets and calls to state legislators. Advocates eased reductions from a proposed 80% to only 12%, at a time when the state budget overall was reduced by nearly \$2 billion.
6. Passed or defended state laws to promote and protect living organ donation in several states, including Idaho, New York, Arkansas, Maryland and Colorado.
7. Hosted approximately 100 kidney patient advocates from six organizations in Washington, DC for 5th annual Kidney Patient Summit and Living Donor Press Conference. We educated Congress about much needed changes to improve kidney health and patients' lives.
8. Sent more than 41,000 letters and tweets to Congress and state legislatures. These include messages supporting the Living Donor Protection Act (H.R. 1270), to promote early detection and treatment (H.R. 3867), and federal funding for CKD research and programs.
9. Collaborated with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Million Hearts Initiative to integrate evidence-based best practices for improving early detection and treatment of CKD into efforts to improve hypertension treatment.
10. Developed with CMS a quality improvement special innovation project to improve earlier detection and treatment of CKD.

NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION'S KIDNEY ADVOCACY COMMITTEE (KAC)

NKF's patient advocacy committee, consists of CKD patients, transplant recipients, living organ donors, and patients' families. In its third year, KAC's more than 200 advocates:

1. Strengthened NKF's visibility as a patient-centered organization by becoming patient spokespersons, building relationships with local and national media outlets, and representing the patient voice at numerous external conferences and meetings within the kidney health and broader medical community
2. Developed NKF partnerships with Members of Congress to make kidney care a national priority and advance NKF's public policy priorities
3. Propelled forward NKF's strategic plan around awareness, prevention and treatment of kidney disease by participating in NKF events and programs, and providing input on patient and public materials

National Kidney Foundation's Grassroots Advocacy Growth

