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ADVOCACY IN WASHINGTON, DC



TOP 10 ADVOCACY SUCCESSES

- 1.** Added 59 co-sponsors for the Living Donor Protection Act (H.R. 1270) in the U.S. House of Representatives, a quarter more than during the last two-year Congress.
- 2.** Congress introduced H.R. 3867, which was 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.** Promoted by the Kidney Advocacy Committee, Living Kidney Donor Day Proclamations were approved in Arizona, Florida, Indiana, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Nebraska.
- 5.** Defended funding for Pennsylvania's Chronic Renal Disease Program (CRDP), generating 1,750 letters, tweets and calls to state legislators. Advocates eased reductions from 80% to only 12%, at a time when the state budget overall was reduced by nearly \$2 billion.
- 6.** Hosted more than 125 kidney patient advocates from six organizations in Washington, DC for 4th annual Kidney Patient Summit and Living Donor Press Conference. We educated Congress about much needed changes to improve kidney health and patients' lives.
- 7.** Sent 24,000 letters and tweets to Congress on our legislative priorities. 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.
- 8.** Began collaboration 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.
- 9.** Developed with CMS a quality improvement special innovation project to improve earlier detection and treatment of CKD.
- 10.** Expanded the Kidney Advocacy Committee to approximately 200 advocates who engage with policy makers and promote kidney awareness, education, and patient engagement.

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 second 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

