



American Nephrology Nurses Association 2024 HEALTH POLICY AGENDA

The American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA) will work independently and as a member of formal or informal coalitions at the federal level to identify and respond to health policy issues that affect nephrology registered nursing (RN) practice and the individuals for whom they provide care.

Set Priorities for Medicare End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Related Issues

1. Monitor and respond to the annual proposed rules related to the Medicare ESRD Prospective Payment System (PPS) and Quality Incentive Program (QIP), and patient education programs created under the *Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act* (MIPPA) (P.L. 110 275).
2. Support research to define nursing-related quality measures that are relevant to the kidney care settings and advocate for quality measures that recognize the impact of nephrology RN. This includes collaborating with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Battelle, the American Nurses Association (ANA), and other relevant entities.
3. Monitor Medicare Payment Advisory Commission's (MedPAC) work on issues related to the Medicare ESRD program.
4. Continue involvement with various public and private quality improvement initiatives through Kidney Care Partners (KCP), the Alliance for Home Dialysis, and other entities.
5. Endorse health policy initiatives that promote organ donation, remove barriers, and increase transplantation.
6. Advocate for health policy initiatives that support and promote home dialysis therapies.
7. Advocate for health policy initiatives to promote prevention, kidney health, and for education programs for individuals with chronic kidney disease (CKD).
8. Support quality measures that matter, are valid and reliable, and promote transparency of quality programs within the Medicare ESRD benefit.
9. Monitor for opportunities to participate in technical expert panels, developed by CMS, that may impact the care of individuals with kidney disease.

Set Priorities for Nursing and General Health Care Issues

1. Advocate for increased funding of the Nursing Workforce Development programs at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).
2. Advocate for increased funding for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).
3. Advocate for legislation, funding, and other health policy initiatives to address nursing and nursing faculty shortage.
4. Advocate and support efforts to allow advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to practice to the full extent of their education and training and promote full reimbursement.
5. Promote safe workplace initiatives for patients, registered nurses (RNs), and all care providers.
6. Monitor and respond to health policy initiatives that impact nursing practice and their effects on nephrology nursing.
7. Monitor and respond to health policy initiatives which would limit nephrology RNs scope and standards of practice.
8. Advocate for health policy initiatives that improve the health of individuals, families, and communities by addressing social determinants of health.
9. Support health policy initiatives to ensure the provision of effective, efficient, equitable, and accessible care across the care continuum, as well as identifying the system facilitators and barriers to achieving this goal.

Support institutional and legislative policies that promote Resolution on Racial Justice for Communities of Color, including consideration to culture, creed, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, age, experience, or any aspect of identity. In addition, support health policy initiatives that ensure a diverse and equitable workforce.

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