



ANNA's Federal Legislative Agenda 116th Congress (2nd Session, 2020)

Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Appropriations Requests

- **The Nursing Workforce Development Programs** help meet the nation's demand for nursing services by addressing all aspects of nursing education, practice, recruitment, and retention. It includes workforce diversity grants, loan programs, scholarship programs, education programs, and retention programs. **ANNA supports the Nursing Community's request of \$278 million in funding for HRSA's Nursing Workforce Development Programs in FY 2021.**
- **The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)** is the fifth largest institute at the NIH. It supports basic and clinical research on kidney development and disease, including the causes of kidney disease and its progression to End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). **ANNA supports the kidney community's request of a \$3 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), with a proportional increase for NIDDK, in FY 2021.**
- **The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)** conducts clinical and basic research and research training encompassing health promotion, disease prevention, quality of life, health disparities, and end of life care. NINR seeks to expand nursing science by integrating biological and behavioral sciences, applying new technologies to address research questions, improving research methods, and developing scientists of the future. **ANNA supports the Nursing Community Coalition's request of \$182 million for NINR in FY 2021.**
- **The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)** funds the research that generates data to monitor the health care landscape. AHRQ's research helps ensure the pipeline of new medical findings reaches health care providers and provides them with the tools and training they need to use those findings every day in the care of patients. **ANNA supports the Friends of AHRQ request of \$471 million in funding for AHRQ in FY 2021.**
- **KidneyX** is a public-private partnership designed to facilitate research and development into alternative methods of diagnosing, preventing, and treating kidney disease. The KidneyX program conducts research intended to provide renal failure patients with more treatment options. **ANNA supports the kidney community's request of \$25 million in FY 2021 funding.**

Authorizing Legislation

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- **The Chronic Kidney Disease Improvement in Research and Treatment Act (H.R. 3912 and S. 1676)** improves the understanding of and promotes access to the treatment of chronic kidney disease and End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). The bill will increase the Medicare kidney disease education benefit, add nephrology health professionals to the National Health Service Corps Scholarship and Loan Repayment programs, and maintain an economically stable dialysis infrastructure. **ANNA encourages Members of Congress to cosponsor the Chronic Kidney Disease Improvement in Research and Treatment Act (H.R. 3912 and S. 1676).**
- **The Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act (H.R. 728 and S. 1399)** reaffirms our commitment to educating and training nurses as vital components of our health care teams. The bill takes steps to improve the Title VIII program by recognizing all four APRN roles; including clinical nurse leaders; and defining nurse-managed health clinics. **ANNA urges Sentors to request a vote on and pass the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act (H.R. 728 and S. 1399).**
- **The Comprehensive Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act (H.R. 5534)** provides for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients. **ANNA encourages Members of Congress to cosponsor the bill.**
- **The Living Donor Protection Act (H.R. 1224 and S. 511)** aims at protecting living organ donors while promoting organ donation. The legislation would prohibit insurance companies from denying, adjusting, or limiting coverage for living organ donors. It will also include living organ donation as a serious health condition for private and civil service employees. **ANNA encourages Members of Congress to cosponsor the Living Donor Protection Act (H.R. 1224 and S. 511).**
- **The Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act (H.R. 2150/S. 296)** would allow Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) to certify home health plans for Medicare patients. This legislation would ensure that beneficiaries have timely access to the home health care they need in states where APRNs are licensed to provide such services. **ANNA encourages Members of Congress to cosponsor the Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act (H.R. 2150 and S. 296).**
- **The United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act (H.R. 2056 and S. 997)** provides overdue recognition of the nearly 120,000 nurses who served honorably in military and Veterans Administration hospitals during World War II. In spite of their contribution to our country Nurse Corps members are not eligible for the same types of recognition as other civilian and military groups that served. **ANNA joins with the Nursing Community Coalition in urging Members of Congress to cosponsor the Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act (H.R. 2056 and S. 997)**