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## **The Kidney Care Access Protection Act (S. 2730 and H.R. 6214)**

The American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA) is a nonprofit organization representing registered nurses and other healthcare professionals at all levels of practice. ANNA members work in settings such as chronic kidney disease management, peritoneal dialysis, hemodialysis, continuous renal replacement therapy, transplantation, industry, and government/regulatory agencies.

### **Background on the Issue**

Kidney disease impacts over 35 million Americans. Despite this wide-reaching impact this disease has on Americans, access to innovative treatments for kidney disease remains limited. This is due to Medicare payment policies that have remained far behind the rising costs and new technologies in the kidney disease space. Medicare has covered patients suffering with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) since 1972. But, as long as Medicare reimbursement remains below standard and access to innovation remains limited, then Medicare is not fulfilling its duty to patients.

### **Overview of the Legislation**

The *Kidney Care Access Protection Act* (S. 2730 and H.R. 6214) was introduced in the Senate on September 8, 2025, and in the House November 20, 2025. The Senate bill is led by Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) and Cory Booker (D-NJ). The House bill is sponsored by Representatives Carol Miller (R-WV-01) and Terri Sewell (D-AL-07). The legislation would protect living organ donors and promote organ donation by:

- Establishing a long-term, sustainable Medicare payment pathway for innovative drugs, devices, and technologies.
- Implementing a forecast error adjustment policy that accurately accounts for inflationary costs to help keep healthcare facilities financially viable.

**Recommendation:** ANNA joins with a broad group of national stakeholders in urging Members of Congress to cosponsor the *Kidney Care Access Protection Act* (S. 2730 and H.R. 6214).