



American Nephrology Nurses Association 2019 HEALTH POLICY AGENDA

The American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA) will continue to 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 the practice of nephrology nurses and the individuals for whom they provide care.

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

1. Monitor and respond to proposed policies related to the Medicare ESRD Prospective Payment System (PPS), Quality Improvement Program (QIP), and patient education programs created under the *Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act* (MIPPA) (P.L. 110 275).
2. Research and define nursing-related quality measures that are relevant to the kidney care setting and advocate for quality measures that recognize the impact of nephrology nursing. This includes collaborating with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), National Quality Forum (NQF), 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, increase transplantation, and extend immunosuppressive drug coverage under Medicare for the life of the transplanted organ.
6. Advocate for legislation and funding for initiatives to prevent chronic kidney disease (CKD), and for education programs regarding treatment options.
7. Monitor the execution of the Five-Star Program.
8. Participate in technical expert panels developed by CMS to review and modify ESRD quality measures.

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 federal funding for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) and the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK).
3. Advocate for legislation, funding, and other regulatory initiatives to address the nursing faculty shortage.
4. Continue to support efforts to allow advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to practice to the full extent of their education and training and promote their appropriate reimbursement.
5. Promote safe workplace initiatives for patients, registered nurses, and other care providers.

6. Monitor and respond to federal nursing practice issues and their effects on nephrology nursing.
7. Participate as a member of the NQF to influence the selection and development of quality measures for possible inclusion into the Medicare QIP.
8. Monitor and respond to CMS and its contractors on proposed ESRD QIP quality measures.

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