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Kidney Care Partners Principles for Health Reform

ASN is an active participant in Kidney Care Partners (KCP), a coalition of patient advocates, dialysis professionals, care providers and manufacturers dedicated to working together to improve quality of care for individuals with Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). KCP has outlined a set of principles for health care reform, listed below.

We believe that America's health care system can be improved through comprehensive reform. Our principles for health care reform are as follows:

- KCP believes reform should focus on patient needs.
- KCP believes reform should focus on the prevention and delay of the onset of kidney disease.
- KCP believes reform should recognize the challenges faced by vulnerable dialysis organizations, including those in remote communities.
- KCP believes reform should ensure the use and access of modalities best suited for every individual kidney patient.
- KCP believes reform should recognize that dialysis is provided to patients through both public and private insurance and reaffirm equal treatment of dialysis patients regardless of payor.
- KCP believes reform should recognize the disproportionately adverse effect kidney disease has on minority communities in America and reduce disparities as much as possible.