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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY ISSUES STATEMENT ON U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES KIDNEY CARE NATIONAL PLAN

WASHINGTON, DC (October 20, 2026) —The American Society of Nephrology (ASN), today issued the following statement regarding the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) release of its Kidney Care National Plan: a coordinated department-wide strategy focused on revitalizing American kidney care. According to HHS, the Plan builds upon the progress made under the 2019 Advancing American Kidney Health Executive Order and outlines policy recommendations to reward innovation, give patients meaningful choices, and hold down costs while improving quality.

The American Society of Nephrology (ASN) applauds the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for once again elevating kidney care on the nation's public health agenda. More than 37 million Americans live with kidney diseases, yet the vast majority remain undiagnosed until the late stages, highlighting a critical need for prevention, early detection, and innovative interventions. ASN commends HHS for its continued leadership and commitment to protect and improve American kidney health.

Following the broad themes of prevention, competition and patient choice, and transplantation, the Kidney Care National Plan emphasizes the highest-priority challenges HHS has identified since the 2019 Executive Order and proposes numerous strategic actions to address them.

ASN is ready to collaborate with HHS and fellow kidney health stakeholders to advance the policies outlined in the Kidney Care National Plan, especially those that prioritize prevention, earlier detection and access to therapies and other interventions, transplantation, and research and development of new treatments that give patients more choices.

ASN President Samir M. Parikh, MD, FASN, will join CMMI Director and Deputy Administrator of CMS Abe Sutton in a fireside chat to discuss the Kidney Care National Plan and related efforts to advance American kidney health on Thursday, October 22 from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. MT at the Colorado Convention Center, Room 711.

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About ASN

Since 1966, ASN has been leading the fight to prevent, treat, and cure kidney diseases throughout the world by educating health professionals and scientists, advancing research and innovation, communicating new knowledge and advocating for the highest quality care for patients. ASN has more than 20,000 members representing 138 countries. For more information, visit www.asn-online.org and follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), [Threads](#), and [Bluesky](#).

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