

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING | PRESIDENT TRUMP'S EXECUTIVE ORDER ON ADVANCING AMERICAN KIDNEY HEALTH

LaVarne Burton, President, American Kidney Fund: "We are gratified that the Administration is releasing a policy platform that will make a real difference in the lives of Americans affected by this disease."

Elizabeth Lee, Executive Director, Alliance for Home Dialysis: "We applaud this Administration's comprehensive, strategic commitment to transforming kidney disease treatment and empowering ESRD patients to balance their treatment with busy, full lives through home treatment. As a leading national organization focused on breaking down barriers to the provision of home dialysis in this country, we believe that the President's plan to change payment and create new incentives for home treatment has the potential to improve life expectancy and quality of life for millions of Americans now living with kidney disease. Our members from across the kidney community stand ready to work with the Administration in their implementation of this bold, forward-thinking plan."

Richard A. Knight, President, American Association of Kidney Patients: "AAKP... enthusiastically endorses President Donald Trump and his health policy team in their bold and bipartisan efforts to fully empower kidney patient consumers and save kidney patient lives through greater care choice and innovations aimed at preventing and better managing kidney diseases... Today's announcement on Advancing the American Kidney Health Initiative is smart policy that benefits patients and taxpayers alike and marks the start of what AAKP has termed The Decade of the Kidney - an era that will be remembered for kidney precision medicine, greater access to kidney transplantation and less organ discards, the first artificial implantable kidneys and a departure from the default reliance on burdensome and highly antiquated in-center kidney dialysis care."

Dr. Holly Kramer, President, National Kidney Foundation: "[The executive order is] a major win in the battle against kidney disease. They have thought about the entire spectrum of kidney disease from better detection to better dialysis therapies and better access to transplantation."

Tommy Thompson, Former Secretary, United States Department of Health and Human Services: "These are all good ideas. I'm impressed, very impressed...They are finally modernizing organ procurement."

Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX): "I applaud the Administration's initiative on Advancing American Kidney Health and its goal to reduce the number of patients with end-stage renal disease by 2030...we can start focusing on actually improving kidney health rather than treating kidney disease. This is a step in the right direction, and I look forward to continuing to work with our Committee and the Administration in advancing these objectives."

Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR): “I am thrilled to see President Donald Trump sign an executive order on kidney health -- the first in more than 40 years. This will help the millions of Americans who suffer from a kidney disease by expanding the options patients have, such as increasing home dialysis and encouraging early stage transplants.”

Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX): “By bolstering preventative care, increasing patients’ options, easing financial burdens, and investing in new research, President Trump can simultaneously improve Americans’ kidney health and lower their health care costs. I am grateful that President Trump continues to pursue innovative health care solutions that are making a difference in Americans’ lives.”

Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-WA) and Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN), Co-chairs of the bipartisan Kidney Caucus: “As co-chairs of the Congressional Kidney Caucus we welcome the administration’s efforts to reform kidney care. The goals of increasing the rate of transplants and home dialysis, which are both better options for most patients and better for the sustainability of Medicare as a whole, are meaningful steps in the right direction. We encourage the administration to continue to work with Congress and the Congressional Kidney Caucus to advance these important goals.”

Rice Powell, CEO, Fresenius Medical Care: “We share the U.S. Administration’s commitment to expanding access to home dialysis, transplantation and new models of value-based care for chronic kidney disease...The proposed reimbursement models and new incentives will help foster further innovation and support a healthcare delivery system structure that is closely attuned to the needs of our patients.”

Rick Lofgren, President and CEO, Children’s Organ Transplant Association: “This is a big and positive policy change for patients and caregivers.”

Mark E. Rosenberg, President, American Society of Nephrology: “Today was a gamechanger for people with kidney disease and for the care of these people. For the entire government and president to show this much interest in kidney disease and kidney failure is unprecedented. Having the president sign an Executive Order that increases the recognition of the value, diagnosis, development and use of alternative dialysis therapies, and increasing the number of transplants signals to the kidney community that they are serious about changing the care of kidney patients.”

Kevin Longino, CEO, National Kidney Foundation: “What an amazing, fantastic day as the Administration launched a new era of kidney health as the next big public health issue! It exceeded everyone’s expectations and this will absolutely save millions of lives over the coming decades.”

Jeffrey Perlmutter, President, Renal Physician Association: “This is the biggest day in the history of kidney health policy since the creation of the end-stage renal disease (ESRD) Medicare entitlement in 1972. I think I can speak for all nephrologists in saying

that we are gratified that the care our patients receive is finally getting the attention it deserves."

Julie Williams, President, National Renal Administrators Association: "As dialysis professionals, who are the front lines of witnessing the impact of chronic kidney disease on our patients, we were inspired to hear Secretary Alex Azar's comments on the work and focus of his office and this administration. We agree with him that the focus must shift to Kidney Health instead of Kidney Disease. The dialysis community often gets the patients too late. With early detection, prevention, and progression strategies positive outcomes can occur with regularity."

Emily Blumberg, President, American Society of Transplantation: "The AST strongly commends the Administration, Secretary of HHS Azar, as well as the cadre of bipartisan and bicameral leaders in the U.S. Congress to strengthen and improve access to kidney transplantation. AST is grateful for the leadership and steadfast commitment of HHS to focus on the most important aspect of elevating kidney care and transplantation – the patients, donors, and their families."

Joyce Jackson, President and CEO, Northwest Kidney Centers: "President Trump today announced sweeping changes to the way kidney care is delivered and paid for in the United States. We applaud this unprecedented attention from the Chief Executive and top Cabinet officials toward the welfare of people with kidney disease."

Javier Rodriguez, CEO, DaVita: "DaVita is encouraged that this Administration has taken steps toward holistic, value-based care for kidney patients. We have pushed for progressive policies to give all patients access to integrated kidney care, the benefits of which are significant to our patient population. Educating patients about kidney disease is critical to prevention and slowing its progression. Early intervention leads patients who may still need dialysis to choose the best treatment option for their lifestyle and reduces expensive hospitalizations."

SOCIAL MEDIA MENTIONS

Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA): "2day Pres Trump signed a new exec order that will help Americans on dialysis + make more kidneys available to ppl who need them most More than 700k Americans need a transplant or dialysis to survive This will help them & their families"

Sen. Todd Young (R-IN): "Proud to work with @POTUS on overhauling the broken organ transplant system. The executive order signed by @POTUS today mirrors my bill to bring greater accountability and transparency to organ procurement organizations."

Rep. Lauren Underwood (D-IL): "I applaud President Trump for the Administration's ambitious plan to improve care for 30 million Americans with chronic kidney disease, and I am especially glad to see a focus on prevention. This is an area of care where we can and should do so much better."

Andy Slavitt, Former Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services:

“Care of kidney patients has been broken in the US for a long time, plagued with a corporate duopoly & a lower income minority population losing out. Other countries do it better. Kudos to @CMSGov, @HHSGov & @AdamCMMi for doing something about this. Announcement coming today.” Proud to work with [@POTUS](#) on overhauling the broken organ transplant system. The executive order signed by [@POTUS](#) today mirrors my bill to bring greater accountability and transparency to organ procurement organizations.

American Association of Kidney Patients: “READ! Largest USA kidney patient group, ENDORSES+SALUTES Pres Trump, Sec Azar & team on ADVANCING AMERICA’S KIDNEY HEALTH INITIATIVE! <https://ecs.page.link/fDfzQ> @POTUS @SecAzar @DepSecHargan @AdamCMMi @ASNAdvocacy @RPANephrology @nkf @AST_info @ASTSchimera @DCI_Dialysis @rogosin”

American Society of Nephrology: “@realDonaldTrump describes new American kidney health initiative as a national priority saying “it’s a big deal.” We agree! #AdvancingKidneyHealth”

Alexis Denny, Director of Government Affairs, Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation: Exciting day to have @POTUS addressing a room of several hundred kidney patients to announce #AdvancingKidneyHealth initiative! #endpkd

Association of Organ Procurement Organizations: Big news out of the White House today. Glad AOPO could be there. Looking forward to working with the Administration to improve quality of life of those with #KidneyDisease through organ donation and transplants. #AdvancingKidneyHealth

Steve Hanke, Senior Fellow and Director, Cato Institute: @realDonaldTrump's #deregulations save businesses & now they'll save lives. 43k #Americans die yearly b/c they're unable to receive a #kidney. #Trump's plan to reimburse donors for lost wages & childcare costs will cause that number to drop like a stone.