

ASN Statement on Access to Medical Care

- *ASN values the integrity of the patient-physician relationship:* immigration policy or immigration status should not restrict physicians' and other health care professionals' ethical and professional obligation to care for the sick.
- *ASN affirms that clinicians should focus on providing optimal quality care for their patients:* Physicians and other health professionals should not be pressured or held responsible for monitoring or enforcing immigration policy.
- *ASN believes that providing access to the highest quality care is best for patients and best for the healthcare system:* Access to health services such as kidney care may make efficient use of medical expenditures by maintaining the health status of the population and alleviating the need for costly emergency care.