



*Nonprofit Kidney Care Alliance*

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## **NKCA Member Companies Attend President Trump's Advancing American Kidney Health Executive Order Signing and Applaud the Initiative**

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**Washington, DC:** This week, President Trump announced his commitment to better care for kidney patients by signing an Executive Order on Advancing American Kidney Health. This much-needed and ambitious program, based on extensive collaboration within the Department of Health and Human Services (including CMS and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation) and beyond, calls for increasing awareness and prevention of kidney disease, increasing kidney transplantation, supporting more home dialysis, encouraging innovation in artificial kidney devices, and promoting higher quality of care for those with chronic kidney disease (CKD) and end-stage renal disease (ESRD). We applaud this initiative and are proud to have been able to work with the Administration to advance these improvements. Approximately 37 million Americans suffer from kidney disease, many undiagnosed, and improving the quality of their care is a critically important public health objective.

Representatives of Nonprofit Kidney Care Alliance (NKCA) member companies were present at Wednesday's signing. The commitments announced in the Executive Order are consistent with NKCA's belief that transplant is the optimal therapy for patients with kidney failure in order to improve life expectancy, increase quality of life, and reduce the number of people who need dialysis. Over the years, NKCA member organizations have educated and counseled patients on their treatment options regarding transplant and maximizing their chances of receiving a kidney transplant quickly, often before the need for dialysis. Making more organs available for transplant is critical.

Consistent with our belief that we can do more to keep patients off dialysis, our members serve more than 5,000 patients with late-stage CKD, with the goal of avoiding, or at least delaying, onset of ESRD.

NKCA looks forward to continuing to work with the Administration to improve kidney care.

**About NKCA:** The Nonprofit Kidney Care Alliance is a collaboration of nonprofit dialysis providers dedicated to improving health-related quality of life and coordination of care for patients both before they reach dialysis and when they are on dialysis. NKCA pursues these goals by sharing best practices among providers and developing a model of care to improve overall patient care, and by serving as a resource to policymakers and other experts who seek to promote efficient and effective care for dialysis patients. NKCA represents six nonprofit dialysis providers: Centers for Dialysis Care; Dialysis Center of Lincoln; Dialysis Clinic, Inc.; Independent Dialysis Foundation, Inc.; Northwest Kidney Centers; and The Rogosin Institute. Collectively, we serve over 21,000 patients at more than 290 clinics in 30 states.