

# The Kidney Community Endorses H.R. 4814



"This bill is important because it provides a blueprint for the future of the ESRD program. By supporting coordinated research programs, greater patient choice, and economic stability, this legislation would strengthen the delivery of care for millions of Americans living with kidney disease."



"The National Kidney Foundation announced today its support for legislation that aims to promote chronic kidney disease (CKD) research and education, expand care coordination efforts and protect access to care for dialysis patients."



"By focusing on research, access to treatment, and fiscal challenges facing the Medicare ESRD Program, this legislation will make a real difference in the lives of millions of people—those who are affected by kidney disease, and those who are at risk," said LaVarne A. Burton, president and CEO of the American Kidney Fund.



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"ASN commends @RepTomMarino for introducing CKD Improvement in Research & Treatment Act #HR4814 #Act4Kidneys"

*(via the @ASNadvocacy Twitter account)*



"This legislation would improve understanding of kidney disease by identifying gaps in critical research, improve beneficiary access to treatments for kidney disease via improved access to pre-dialysis kidney disease education programs and addressing access issues for patients with acute kidney injury (AKI), and expand patient choice and improve the coordination of care through increased access to Medicare Advantage plans and other alternative payment models."



"New #kidney care bill aims to improve research, treatment of kidney disease <http://bit.ly/1mDCYaj> #dialysis #nephnews #act4kidneys"

"Future could be bright with bill supporting #kidney disease research and treatment <http://bit.ly/1mDCYaj> #nephnews #dialysis #Act4Kidneys"

*(via the @DavitaDoc Twitter account)*

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"H.R. 4814 is in line with our focus on providing patients with the care and resources they need to live healthy and fulfilling lives while on dialysis. It would give patients access to critical tools to improve not only their understanding of the disease and quality of care, but their quality of life too."



"There are approximately 430,000 Americans who suffer from chronic kidney disease (CKD). The Chronic Kidney Disease Improvement in Research and Treatment Act of 2014 (H.R. 4814), sponsored by Representatives Tom Marino (R-PA) and John Lewis (D-GA), will promote more cost-effective treatment options for patients while increasing funding allocations for CKD research."



"Current law prohibits most Americans with kidney failure from enrolling in Medicare Advantage plans, even though these are the people who would benefit most from the holistic, coordinated and cost-effective coverage afforded by these plans. Fifteen million Americans are enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans and it's time ESRD patients have the right to do the same. Congress should support, not discriminate against, those with chronic illness."



"On behalf of our members we serve, RSN urges members of Congress to join Reps. Tom Marino (R-PA) and John Lewis (D-GA) in cosponsoring H.R. 4814, which seeks to (1) improve federal policy related to caring for people with chronic kidney disease (CKD) by addressing gaps in critical research, (2) improve access to treatments for CKD, and (3) create economic stability for providers caring for those with CKD."