

Protecting Quality Care for Dialysis Patients

Effective January 1, 2025, CMS plans to change coverage for oral-only phosphate lowering therapies (PLTs) drugs for patients with kidney failure. This could jeopardize patients' access to vital medications and raise dialysis treatment costs. Introduced by Reps. Earl L. "Buddy" Carter, Ann McLane Kuster, Carol Miller, and Terri Sewell, the bipartisan Kidney PATIENT Act ([H.R. 5074](#)) aims to postpone this change until 2033 or until new intravenous therapies become available.

State and National stakeholders from the kidney community and beyond have called on Washington to act quickly and exclude oral-only phosphate lowering therapies (PLTs) from the End Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System or ESRD Bundle.

Support from Stakeholder Groups include:

African American Diabetes Association

Alliance for Aging Research

American Kidney Fund

American Senior Alliance

American Society of Consultant Pharmacists

Atlanta Black Nurses Association

Breaking the Sickle Cell Cycle

California Life Sciences

Dorothy Marie Kinnard Foundation

Georgia BIO

Hands of Hope Northwest

HEAL Collaborative

Healthy Men Inc.

HealthyWomen

Home Dialyzors United

iBio

Idaho State Pharmacy Association

Illinois Public Health Association

Idaho Retailers Association

Idaho Retail Pharmacy Council

Kidney Care Partners

Kidney Health Alliance of Kentucky

Lupus and Allied Diseases Association

MassBIO

MTS Sickle Cell Foundation

NAACP New York

NAACP NYS Conference

National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs

National Caucus and Center on Black Aging

National Consumers League

National Indian Council on Aging

National Kidney Foundation

National Minority Quality Forum

New York State Osteopathic Medical Society

Northwest Kidney Council

Oregon State Pharmacy Association

Peer Plus Education and Training Advocates

Red Moon Project

Renal Healthcare Association

Renal Physician's Association

Renal Support Network

RetireSafe

Ruby A. Neeson Diabetes Awareness Foundation

Sickle Cell Association of Texas
Marc Thomas Foundation

Sickle Cell Thalassemia Patient Network

Texas Medical Association

Texas Renal Coalition

The National Grange

The Sickle Cell Association of Kentuckiana