



## **ANNA's 2026 Advocacy Forum "Ask Sheet"**

The American Nephrology Nurses Association's (ANNA) 2026 Advocacy Forum provides an opportunity for ANNA members to advocate on behalf of the nursing profession and the individuals living with kidney disease they serve. The participants will be visiting with their Members of Congress to discuss the following:

### **Fiscal Year 2027 Appropriations Requests**

- **The Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs**, administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), are instrumental in bolstering and sustaining the nation's diverse nursing pipeline by addressing all aspects of the nursing workforce demand. **ANNA's FY 2027 funding request is \$610 million.**
- **The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases' (NIDDK)** mission is to conduct and support medical research, research training, and disseminate science-based information on diabetes, endocrine and metabolic diseases, digestive diseases, nutritional disorders, obesity, and kidney, urologic, and hematologic diseases, along with population health research to improve people's health and quality of life. **ANNA supports the highest possible funding level for NIDDK in FY 2027.**
- **The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)** focuses its research on reducing burdensome chronic illness, improving end of life care, and promoting patient-centered care across the lifespan. Through increased investments in NINR, the institute can continue its vital work at the forefront of disease prevention, patient care, and recovery. **ANNA's FY 2027 funding request is \$215 million.**

### **Requests for Support of Authorizing Legislation**

- **The Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act (S. 1874 and H.R. 3593)** reauthorizes key funding for essential programs related to nursing education in the U.S. **ANNA encourages Members of Congress to cosponsor the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act.**
- **The Living Donor Protection Act (S. 1552 and H.R. 4583) and the Living Donor FMLA Protection Act (H.R. 4582)** prohibit certain discrimination by insurance companies and codifies protection for living donors under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). The Senate takes a unified approach in providing comprehensive protections against insurance discrimination and FMLA job protection while the House approaches the goals in two bills. **ANNA encourages the Senate to pass the Living Donor Protection Act and House Members to cosponsor Living Donor FMLA Protection Act.**
- **The Kidney Care Access Protection Act (S. 2730 and H.R. 6214)** establishes a long-term Medicare pathway for innovative drugs, devices, and technologies and implements a forecast error adjustment in the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) payment system. **ANNA encourages Members of Congress to cosponsor the Kidney Care Access Protection Act.**