



ANNA's 2025 Advocacy Forum "Ask Sheet"

The American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA) is a nonprofit organization representing registered nurses and other healthcare professionals at all levels of practice. ANNA members work in settings such as chronic kidney disease management, peritoneal dialysis, hemodialysis, continuous renal replacement therapy, transplantation, industry, and government/regulatory agencies.

At ANNA's 2025 Advocacy Forum, participants will learn to advocate on behalf of the nursing profession and the patients they care for daily. The participants will be visiting with their Members of Congress to discuss the following legislation:

- **The Living Donor Protection Act (S. 1552)** prohibits life, disability, and long-term care insurance companies from denying or limiting coverage and from charging higher premiums for living organ donors. The legislation amends the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) to include living organ donation as a serious health condition. In addition, the bill directs the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to update its materials on live organ donations to reflect these new protections. **ANNA encourages Members of Congress to cosponsor the Living Donor Protection Act.**
- **The Restore Protections for Dialysis Patients Act (H.R. 2199 and S. 1173)** aims to restore longstanding patient protections for those living with end-stage kidney disease (ESKD). The legislation restores longstanding protections by clarifying that a health plan cannot discriminate against dialysis patients by providing fewer dialysis services compared to other covered services for chronic diseases. The bill also ensures that ESKD patients can remain on their employer-sponsored health plans for 30 months before transitioning to Medicare to be their primary insurer. It will also protect the Medicare Trust Fund by preventing health insurance plans from shifting coverage responsibilities of ESKD treatment to the Medicare program. **ANNA encourages Members of Congress to cosponsor the Restore Protections for Dialysis Patients Act.**
- **The Improving Care and Access to Nurses (I CAN) Act (H.R. 1317 and S. 575)** aims to ensure that Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) can practice at the top of their license under Medicare and Medicaid. The legislation removes longstanding federal barriers to allow Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries to receive timely care from their chosen health care provider in states that grant full practice authority to APRNs. **ANNA encourages Members of Congress to cosponsor the I CAN Act.**
- **The Providing Real-World Education and Clinical Experience by Precepting Tomorrow's (PRECEPT) Nurses Act (H.R. 392 and S. 131)** helps address ongoing national nursing workforce shortages, including the shortage of clinical nurse educators, or preceptors, who provide essential education, training, and mentorship to both new and future nurses. The legislation provides a \$2,000 tax credit to experienced nurses who serve at least 200 hours as a clinical preceptor to nursing students, advanced practice nurse candidates, or new nurses within six months of employment that serve in communities designated as a Health Professional Shortage Areas. **ANNA encourages Members of Congress to cosponsor the PRECEPT Nurses Act.**