

## **Chronic Kidney Disease in the National Political Spotlight**

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The Cardio Renal Society of America (CRSA), a nonprofit global organization, whose purpose is to help prevent and manage heart and kidney disease by fostering education, research and collaborative care in the personalization of population health, strongly endorses and applauds the kidney patient-focused Executive Order from President Donald Trump and his healthcare team.

This health policy announcements will provide much needed resources to prevent and manage kidney disease and will serve to empower kidney patients, their families and caregivers, and those individuals donating or awaiting a lifesaving donor organ.

President Donald Trump signed an executive order on July 10, 2019 that aims to increase the number of kidney transplants completed each year, protect living donors, provide new payment strategies, and shift financial incentives towards provision of home dialysis systems to patients and their caregivers. The goal of this order is to increase the number of available kidneys by protecting living donors through offering reimbursements for expenses and improving organ recovery. The President also said that this order will improve the lives of dialysis patients by promoting home dialysis and prioritizing transplants over dialysis.

Consistent with the President's order, and as part of the Administration's focus on improving person-centered care, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced three particular goals for delivering on this vision, with tangible metrics to measure success: reduce the number of Americans developing end-stage kidney disease (ESKD) by 25 percent by 2030, aim to have 80 percent of new American ESKD patients in 2025 receiving dialysis in the home or receiving a transplant, and aim to double the number of kidneys available for transplant by 2030. Given the high cardiovascular disease burden seen with progressive chronic kidney disease and ESKD and the tangible benefits demonstrated for reducing cardiovascular disease burden with kidney transplantation and frequent dialysis, the CRSA welcomes prioritization of kidney transplantation and frequent dialysis at home as the treatment of choice for ESKD, as outlined in this policy.

The CRSA is excited to see these initiatives focused on preventing kidney disease and improving access to and promoting sustained home dialysis, more transplantation and organ donation, and looks forward to and supports effective implementation of these policies.