



Kidney Care Partners – Making a **REAL** Difference in Patients' Lives

More than 400,000 Americans of all ages suffer from kidney failure, (or End Stage Renal Disease) – an irreversible condition which is fatal without a kidney transplant or lifesaving dialysis treatments. More than 100,000 new patients are diagnosed each year, many as the result of conditions like high blood pressure and diabetes. An additional 20 million Americans – or 1 in 9 adults – suffer from Chronic Kidney Disease, which untreated, can progress to kidney failure.

Slowing this trend in coming years is dependent on prevention, education and disease management.

Kidney Care Partners – an alliance of patient advocates, dialysis professionals, providers and manufacturers – are working together to raise awareness and improve the quality of care for individuals with kidney failure. That's why Kidney Care Partners supports the **Kidney Care Quality & Education Act**, bipartisan legislation co-sponsored by Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND) and Representatives John Lewis (D-GA) and Dave Camp (R-MI), which would:

- Create public and patient education initiatives to increase awareness about chronic kidney disease (CKD) to help patients learn self management skills.
- Establish a three-year Continuous Quality Improvement Initiative that would reward quality improvements based on measures developed in cooperation with the kidney care community and that would link a three-year update to clinical performance.



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