

# TOP 10

## Accomplishments for Dialysis Patient Citizens in 2019

**DPC**   
DIALYSIS PATIENT CITIZENS



### Participated in President Trump's signing of the Executive Order Advancing American Kidney Health

DPC Education Center Board President Nancy Scott shared her experience as a dialysis patient and joined the President on stage when he signed this landmark Executive Order. Her insightful feedback during the previous White House Kidney Community Listening Session led to Nancy being handpicked for this historic opportunity.

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### Worked with the Administration on the Roll Out of the Executive Order

DPC provided detailed feedback on the proposed treatment models, worked with the Kidney Caucus in support of a Congressional letter with over 70 cosigners raising many of our concerns, and supported a letter from Rep. Donald Payne Jr. highlighting the patient perspective for these models.

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### Filed amicus briefs presenting the patient viewpoint in Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) litigation

Recent court decisions that narrowly interpret MSP requirements threaten the future of private insurance coverage for dialysis. Our briefs explain the important policy considerations behind MSP and how it protects patients.

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### Participated as plaintiff in litigation to block enactment of AB 290 in California

In our efforts to protect patient access to charitable assistance, DPC screened potential patient-plaintiffs for the lawsuit, contributed facts and arguments for a declaration supporting the motion for an injunction, and participated as one of the named plaintiffs.

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### Worked with Congressional leaders to promote policies beneficial to Chronic Kidney Disease and Dialysis Patients

Some of the bills we supported this year would expand access to Medigap for all dialysis patients regardless of age, protect non-emergency medical transportation for Medicaid beneficiaries, reform organ procurement organizations to increase access to transplantation, adjust the payment model to support innovation, and strengthen protections for living donors.

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### Supported efforts to improve access to organs

DPC consulted with prominent transplant experts on policy options to increase the availability of deceased donor organs, securing inclusion of new performance metrics for Organ Procurement Organizations in the President's kidney care Executive Order in July. DPC also advocated for the successful passage of state legislation to remove additional barriers for living organ donations.

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### Increased Educational Opportunities for Patients

DPC members participated in dozens of free webinars and conference calls hosted by our affiliate organization the DPC Educational Center. They also had the opportunity to learn new information through the DPC Education Center website, through online educational programs, and through our patient newsletter, often submitting articles of their own. These unique programs helped to further empower patients in their own care.

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### Hosted DPC's Annual Patient Advocacy Day

This year, 38 patients and 16 health care professionals participated, meeting with over 100 Congressional offices in Washington, DC. Rep. Donald Payne Jr. served as the keynote speaker during our advocacy training and rooftop reception.

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### Expanded the DPC footprint

DPC expanded our state grassroots by hiring a Western Region Advocacy Director and opened an office in Sacramento, CA. DPC staff had over 100 meetings with state legislators' offices to support legislation that promotes patient care and oppose efforts that would harm patient access and quality of care.

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### Elevated the patient voice

DPC continued to grow our reach on social media and mobilized over 15,000 activists to contact their lawmakers to support public policy that would improve the quality of life for dialysis patients.

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