

May 30, 2024

The Honorable Roger Marshall  
U.S. Senate  
479A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20002

The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema  
U.S. Senate  
317 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20002

The Honorable Mike Kelly  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1707 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20003

The Honorable Suzan DelBene  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2330 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senators Marshall and Sinema, and Representatives Kelly and DelBene:

On behalf of the American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA), I would like to thank you for introducing the *Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act*. ANNA is proud to endorse this legislation, and we appreciate your leadership on such an important issue.

ANNA is a nonprofit organization with a membership of approximately 7,000 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, and government and regulatory agencies.

The *Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act* would streamline burdensome prior authorization requirements in the Medicare Advantage (MA) program that delay medically necessary treatments for patients. Specifically, this legislation would establish an electronic prior authorization system that can provide real-time responses to requests for commonly approved treatments and procedures. Additionally, the bill would enhance transparency in the MA program by mandating that plans publish specified prior authorization data.

ANNA stands ready to work with you and your colleagues to ensure this bill becomes law. If we can be of any assistance on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or ANNA's Washington representative, Jim Twaddell ([jwtwaddell@venable.com](mailto:jwtwaddell@venable.com)).

Sincerely,



Nancy Colobong Smith, MN, ANP-BC, CNN  
President