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Dialysis Patient Citizens Launches New Web-Based Tool Offering Comprehensive Assistance Resources for Dialysis Patients

Nation's Largest Dialysis Patient Organization Offers First Online Tool of its Kind to Help Patients Find Local and National Financial Assistance Programs

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Dialysis Patient Citizens (DPC) – a nationwide, non-profit, patient-led dialysis advocacy organization – has introduced a new feature to its website, www.dialysispatients.org, which offers dialysis patients a searchable database of national and local financial assistance resources and medication assistance programs.

“DPC is proud to introduce this new web-based patient assistance program directory to all of those living with chronic kidney disease (CKD),” said DPC interim executive director Tonya Saffer. “By clicking on their individual state on the U.S. map, patients are able to access a comprehensive list of helpful financial programs at the state and national levels.”

In addition to the new patient assistance offerings, DPC’s state-based web pages accessed through www.dialysispatients.org offer a full description of any current state public policy issues that may impact dialysis care for patients, as well as important state specific statistics on dialysis patient populations and insurance coverage. “We hope these offerings will serve as a trusted go-to resource for patients to keep up-to-date on available programs to assist kidney patients and policy issues that impact kidney care,” added Saffer.

DPC also continues to offer their state advocacy tool, which allows patients to easily contact their legislators about ways to improve dialysis care and avoid cutting the services they need. “We hope that these tools will continue to empower those living with CKD to educate lawmakers on the need to improve dialysis care and protect patient access to care. With over 80% of dialysis patients relying on public programs like Medicare and Medicaid it is important for patients to engage with lawmakers, who have the power to protect and improve these patients’ access to quality, life-saving dialysis care,” said Saffer.

Funding support for the new patient assistance web page was provided by an educational grant from Abbott Laboratories. To learn more, access the web page at <http://www.dialysispatients.org/patient-assistance-state-advocacy>.

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About Dialysis Patient Citizens

Dialysis Patient Citizens (DPC) is an independent, nationwide, non-profit, patient-governed dialysis patient organization dedicated to improving dialysis patients' quality of life by developing awareness of dialysis-related issues, advocating for dialysis and pre-dialysis patients, improving the partnership between patients and caregivers, and promoting favorable public policy.