

HLB Assists Two Clients – Nonprofit Kidney Care Alliance and Dialysis Clinic Inc Testify in front of Congress on Kidney Care

Case Studies

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Hooper, Lundy & Bookman's Government Relations and Public Policy (GRPP) professionals successfully positioned and helped prepare individuals from the Nonprofit Kidney Care Alliance (NKCA) and Dialysis Clinic Inc. (DCI) in testifying at the House Ways & Means Health Subcommittee Hearing *"Improving Kidney Health Through Better Prevention and Innovative Treatment"* on March 18, 2026.

The Clients

Both DCI and NKCA are longtime clients of the firm and leaders in nonprofit kidney care in the United States.

Founded 55 years ago, DCI is the largest nonprofit dialysis provider in the country, caring for more than 13,500 people on dialysis across more than 240 outpatient facilities in 30 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands. They focus on delivering care across the spectrum of kidney disease from managing chronic kidney disease (CKD), providing both inpatient and outpatient dialysis services, facilitating transplant, and providing dignified end-of-life care.

The Nonprofit Kidney Care Alliance is a coalition of eight nonprofit kidney health providers dedicated to advancing high quality, patient centered care. NKCA member companies face significant challenges in a policy environment often focused on large providers. As nonprofit providers, many very small, NKCA members are committed to caring for patients along the continuum of kidney disease including CKD with the goal of avoiding or delaying the onset of end-stage renal disease (ESRD).

The HLB Difference

We believe that all clients have the right to have a seat at the table when it comes to policy making, regardless of size. Our work with both NKCA and DCI with policy makers for over more than a decade has allowed us to position our clients as trusted, credible voices in the kidney space.

Key contributions from HLB staff for the hearing included:

- Relations and reputation building
- Ongoing advocacy and legislative collaboration
- Strategic leadership and witness preparation
- High stakes logistics management

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- Expert policy and testimony support
- Communications and agency coordination
- Client partnership and execution

Results

The hearing went as well as HLB and the clients could have hoped. Both witnesses delivered compelling five minute testimonies that elevated the patient experience, highlighted the strengths of nonprofit kidney care providers, and reinforced credibility with lawmakers and staff.

Clients described the outcome as inspiring and deeply meaningful—not only for NKCA and DCI, but for the broader kidney care community. In a challenging political environment, having two clients selected to participate in a bipartisan hearing validates HLB GRPP's reputation on Capitol Hill and the long term strategy recommended to be successful.

The testimony strengthened relationships with members of Congress and committee staff, reinforced nonprofit providers' standing with federal agencies, and created momentum for continued advocacy on kidney disease prevention, home dialysis, and innovative treatment models.

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