



To: CDC Members

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Subject: CDC Grassroots Network Development and Implementation

President Tom Paukert, M. D. has appointed a Grassroots Committee to work on the development and implementation of a grassroots/key contacts system for the CDC. This action comes as a direct result of the state budget crisis and the potential for cuts in reimbursement rates paid to Medi-Cal providers—including dialysis clinics.

This grassroots network will give us a means to contact and lobby our state legislators on this important issue. Additionally, there will be many other issues on which we may need to activate the network. The key is to have a system in place and ready when the time for action arrives.

The co-chairs of the Grassroots Committee are Judith Filangeri and Sean Graham. Current members are Janelle London and Lori Hartwell. More members will be appointed by Dr. Paukert as we develop the network, based upon the distribution of our dialysis facilities among legislative districts.

We shall provide you with additional information very soon. Please be ready to participate fully in the effort to save our reimbursement by contacting your legislators when the Grassroots Committee members flip the activation switch!