



CALIFORNIA BALLOT INITIATIVE
FOR THE NOVEMBER 2022
GENERAL ELECTION:

PROTECT THE LIVES OF DIALYSIS PATIENTS ACT

In our fight to ensure safe conditions in clinics for all patients, we have filed the Protect the Lives of Dialysis Patients Act for the November 2022 ballot. The ballot initiative will strengthen patient care by:

Improving transparency. Dialysis providers must publish infection rates for each clinic and disclose clinic ownership to patients and state regulators.

Guaranteeing equal treatment. Dialysis providers cannot discriminate based on the type of insurance a patient has (private or government-provided). They must treat all patients and provide the same quality of care regardless of type of insurance.

Strengthening patient safety. A doctor, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant must be on site at all times when patients are being treated in dialysis clinics. The California Department of Public Health may allow a remote doctor, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant if the clinic is in a shortage area.

Ensuring access to care. Dialysis providers must get approval from the California Department of Public Health before closing any clinics.



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