

U.S. Rep. Kind: Two bills passed by House, including legislation to support kidney transplant patients

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Washington, DC— Today, the House of Representatives passed two of **Rep. Ron Kind's** bipartisan bills to improve the Medicare program. The House passed the bipartisan *Comprehensive Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act* and the *Provide Accurate Information Directly (PAID) Act* with unanimous support. The bills now await action in the Senate before they can be signed into law.

Both pieces of legislation were passed as part of a package aimed at improving the Medicare program. The *Comprehensive Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act* will improve coverage under Medicare for immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients, while the *PAID Act* takes important steps to streamline payments under the Medicare Secondary Payer laws, which will reduce administrative complexities in the Medicare program and save taxpayer dollars.

“After a kidney transplant surgery, the last thing patients and their families should have to worry about is whether or not they will be able to afford the lifesaving drugs needed to prevent organ rejection. Taxpayers also shouldn't have to pay more because of government red tape. Today we addressed both these problems,” said **Rep. Ron Kind**. “I'm proud of the work my colleagues and I have done to improve the Medicare program, provide support for kidney transplant recipients, and save taxpayer dollars.”

Rep. Kind serves on the Subcommittee on Health for the Ways and Means Committee, the most powerful – and the oldest – committee in the House of

Representatives. It has jurisdiction over tax measures, the management of public debt, trade and tariff laws, Social Security, Medicare, pensions, and many other economic growth measures.