

November 2011

DPC Patient Ambassador Call to Action
(Please complete by December 9th, 2011)

Call to Action #1: Fill out the Patient Ambassador Feedback Survey

DPC wants to hear from you! We want you to get the most out of the Patient Ambassador program and to receive information and training that you find most useful. As Patient Ambassadors, you are DPC's leaders in your communities and so it is important that you get the most beneficial advocacy training possible. We would also like your suggestions as to speakers and/or topics you would like to hear about on future calls.

Call to Action #1 Instructions:

Fill out the 2-page survey included and return it to us either by mail (address below) or by fax (202-789-6935). Also, be prepared with suggestions and ideas for the Patient Ambassador call on November 15th at 2 pm EST as we will have a discussion about future Patient Ambassador programs!

Call to Action #2: Send DPC's Deficit Reduction Letter to Your Members of Congress

The Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction is supposed to offer its recommendations for reducing the federal deficit on November 23rd. DPC has been actively advocating for equitable treatment for dialysis patients within the new health exchanges, which will result in savings for Medicare and thus, savings for the federal government. DPC has a live Action Alert on our Legislative Action page and after following a few simple steps, you can send a letter to your Members of Congress asking them to support the equitable treatment of dialysis patients.

Call to Action #2 Instructions:

If you have not already done so, visit DPC's Legislative Action Center (<http://www.capwiz.com/dpcitizens/home/>) and send the deficit Action Alert to your Members of Congress. A paper version of the letter is attached as well if you would like to send the letter to your Members via regular mail.

American Diabetes Month

November is American Diabetes Month. If you would like to get involved, please visit www.diabetes.org or call 1-800-DIABETES to find out about events in your area!

Did You Know?
Patient Ambassadors have their own online resource website. Use the link at the bottom of the page to get started.

Please do not forget to complete and return the Call to Action Reporting Form by **December 9th, 2011**.