DaVita Supports Texas Senate Bill 1876

Today, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1876, which helps provide the state's dialysis community with additional support during times of emergency. In response, DaVita issued the following statement attributed to Chakilla Robinson White, group vice president for <u>DaVita Kidney Care</u> over Texas operations:

"When disaster strikes, there's nothing more important than protecting our state's most vulnerable citizens. As an active participant in discussions surrounding SB 1876, we applaud the thoughtful work of Texas legislators like Senator Borris Miles and Representative Tom Oliverson, who convened representatives of the state's health care community to discuss the needs of Texans on dialysis in times of emergency.

We have deep experience responding quickly to ensure our patients have the support they need to access dialysis treatment during disasters. SB 1876 reinforces crucial steps we already take, such as staging generators and water tankers and opening our dialysis centers to any patient we can safely treat – regardless of where they usually get their treatment. It also bolsters critical community support to help us better serve Texans in emergencies, including prioritizing dialysis centers on the state's electrical and water grid.

SB 1876 will enhance communication across Texas' health care system, so we all work better together in extraordinary circumstances. We are excited about the support this bill has received and to see it signed into law."

Learn more about emergency preparedness for people with kidney disease on DaVita.com here.

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DaVita (NYSE: DVA) is a health care provider focused on transforming care delivery to improve quality of life for patients globally. The company is one of the largest providers of kidney care services in the U.S. and has been a leader in clinical quality and innovation for more than 20 years. Through DaVita Kidney Care, the company treats patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage kidney disease. DaVita is committed to bold, patient-centric care models, implementing the latest technologies and moving toward integrated care offerings for all. Through these efforts, DaVita has also become the largest provider of home dialysis in the country. As of March 31, 2021, DaVita served 202,600 patients at 2,827 outpatient dialysis centers in the United States. The company also operated 323 outpatient dialysis centers in ten countries worldwide. DaVita has reduced hospitalizations, improved mortality, and worked collaboratively to propel the kidney care industry to adopt an equitable and high-quality standard of care for all patients, everywhere. To learn more, visit DaVita.com/About.

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