



**DATE:** March 24, 2023

**TO:** Members of the Management Committee

**FROM:** Insurance Compact Officers

**RE:** Appointment to the Consumer Advisory Committee

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The Compact Office has received an application for one of three open positions on the Compact's Consumer Advisory Committee. Under Article VIII, Section 2 of the Compact Bylaws, the Management Committee makes appointments to the 8-member Consumer Advisory Committee. The Compact Officers has reviewed the submission and is recommending Deborah Darcy for appointment to the Consumer Advisory Committee.

Deborah Darcy currently serves as the Senior Director of Government Relations for the American Kidney Fund. Ms. Darcy was nominated for this open seat by Anna Howard, with the American Cancer Network, who is a current member of the Consumer Advisory Committee.

Ms. Darcy has completed the Conflict of Interest Statement and has indicated they and their organization have no material conflicts in accordance with the adopted Conflict of Interest guidelines. The Statement of Interest Ms. Darcy submitted is attached. Four letters of recommendation have been submitted on her behalf including Ms. Howard, Melanie Lendnal of the ALS Association, Michael Ly of the Kidney Fund, and Kate Remont of Razom for Ukraine.

There are currently three open seats on the Consumer Advisory Committee. In 2021, the Commission adopted updated eligibility and selection criteria and a new Conflict of Interest Statement for applicants. As part of the selection criteria, the applicant must demonstrate: 1) a commitment to and experience with consumer advocacy regarding insurance regulatory issues, and 2) a commitment to attending regular Insurance Compact meetings absent exceptional circumstance and actively participating on CAC matters.

The Compact Officers respectively ask the Management Committee to consider appointing Deborah Darcy to one of the three open seats on the Consumer Advisory Committee.

Deborah Darcy

Statement of Interest

March 10, 2023

I would like to be an appointed representative to the Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) by the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Commission (the "Compact") to ensure that the consumer voice is heard and that the patient experience is understood when insurance products, such as annuity plans, life insurance, and long-term care insurance are submitted for approval. In my job, I advocate for kidney patients, and many have had issues with their insurers and health insurance in general. Their experiences are important.

I regularly analyze legislation and regulations to see how it will affect dialysis patients, those with kidney transplants, and those with chronic kidney disease (CKD). I understand current regulations and how changes can affect these groups. I have experience drafting comments on bills and rules. I would like to utilize my experience at the Compact.