

February 14, 2022

Dear Ms. Godwin and Dr. Vassalotti:

Thank you for nominating *Screening for Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)* for consideration by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF, Task Force). We are committed to promoting health equity and helping improve the health of people nationwide. We recognize that CKD is a serious public health issue that affects many adults in the U.S. and disproportionately affects communities of color. We appreciate your work in nominating this important topic.

Based in part on your nomination, the Task Force has added *Screening for CKD* to the list of preventive service topics under active consideration. Now, the USPSTF will begin the process of determining when to begin work on a new recommendation on *Screening for CKD*. Each year, the Task Force considers which topics from its large portfolio to work on as part of its deliberative process, and it may take some time. This step will include a preliminary look at the availability of published studies on the benefits and harms of *Screening for CKD* in the primary care setting in patients who do not have any signs or symptoms of CKD and how this topic fits with other Task Force active topics and priorities.

If *Screening for CKD* is prioritized this year, the Task Force will begin by posting a draft research plan for public comment on its website and stakeholders will receive a notification email that this topic is kicking off. If *Screening for CKD* is not prioritized for Task Force review this year, it will remain on the list of topics for the Task Force to consider in subsequent years, thanks to your nomination.

One way to stay up to date is to sign up for the Task Force [email list](#) to receive updates on this and other active Task Force topics.

For more information on how the Task Force selects and prioritizes topics, see the Topic Selection portion of the USPSTF Procedure Manual at: <https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/about-uspstf/methods-and-processes/procedure-manual/procedure-manual-section-2-topic-selection-prioritization-and-updating>.

Thank you again for your interest in the work of the Task Force and your dedication to advocating for the many people who live with CKD.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karina W. Davidson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karina" being the most prominent.

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