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## NAACP ACE DIALYSIS HEALTH IMPERATIVE FOR ACCESS, CHOICE, & EQUITY

More than 678,000 Americans are living with end-stage renal disease (ERSD), a medical condition where the kidneys stop working. The kidneys filter waste from the blood, balance fluids and minerals, help control blood pressure, keep bones healthy, and more. ERSD patients need dialysis or a transplant to do the vital work of the kidneys. However, due to the limited number of kidneys available for transplant, the clear majority of ERSD patients must depend on dialysis to survive.

Unfortunately, the prevalence of chronic kidney disease and ERSD among communities of color is disproportionately high as African Americans are three times more likely to experience kidney failure than whites. To make matters worse, when it comes to home dialysis, African Americans are almost 35% less likely than average to receive home dialysis which has been proven to hold greater overall benefits than those who must travel for their dialysis needs.

To combat this disturbing trend, patients, caregivers, clinicians, community members, and health advocates are invited to join NAACP leaders and a panel of experts to learn more about how to access home dialysis treatment options.

The NAACP ACE Dialysis Health Imperative for Access, Choice, and Equity will be held Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 10:00am – 12:00pm at the Hilton Jackson located at 1001 County Line Road. Complimentary breakfast will be served.

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