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DeKalb Commissioner Larry Johnson assures ARxC's 33 Dialysis Patients they will have a health home

"Let us look each other in the eye and know that these are people". DeKalb Commissioner Larry Johnson

Atlanta, Georgia--- After facing a year of battles for 33 Grady dialysis patients to receive long term dialysis care negotiations are in progress between the private dialysis companies, Grady Hospital and ARxC under the leadership of Commissioner Larry Johnson. Commissioner Johnson informed a room full of private providers; Emory Health Care, Fresenius, DaVita, ARxC representatives, The Grady Coalition and Grady Hospital that the dialysis patients will receive their treatments to keep them alive. Once again absent from the meeting was Dialysis Centers Inc, Renal Care Patients, The Kidney Foundation and DSI Renal, Inc. ARxC was told to inform the dialysis patients to continue their treatments at their designated Fresenius Dialysis Centers. In the meeting an 'in kind' distribution of patients was stated as: Emory Healthcare taking three (3) patients, Fresenius taking five (5) patients and as previously promised DaVita will take their 'fair share'. This would leave twenty-five (25) patients under Grady's care. The details of these agreements are still being negotiated and defined. ARxC will be waiting for confirmation in writing from all the providers. At ARxC's request, Commissioner Johnson has agreed to review the final written settlements. Under his direction, all parties will reconvene for a follow-up meeting to ensure all final terms are delineated and all patients and parties are clear as to their commitments that were made today in principle.

The Georgia Court of Appeals is scheduled to review our appeal during the September term. ARxC attorney Lindsay Jones stated, "Litigation for the Court of Appeals is pending and in effect until there is a written settlement that achieves mutual satisfaction for both parties."

The promises that were made today by Grady Hospital and the private Dialysis companies did not include a timeline for dialysis care. ARxC stands by its vow to their patients and members to establish a path toward a long term, ongoing resolution to dialysis treatment.



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