



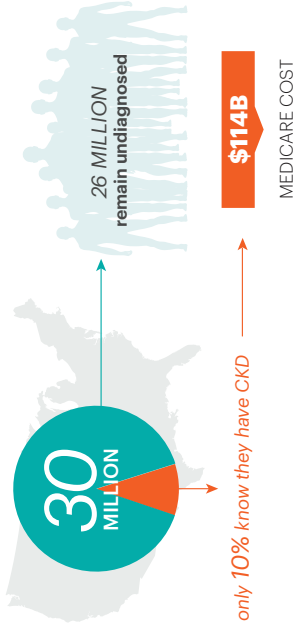
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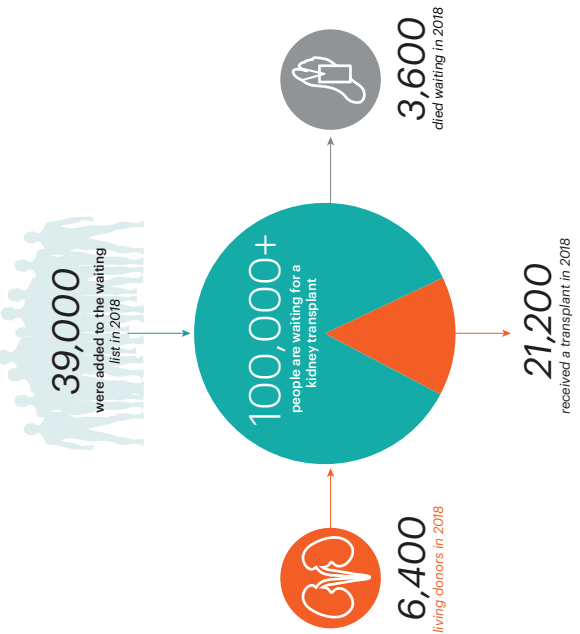
## CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE A NATIONAL HEALTH CARE PRIORITY

### AMERICAN ADULTS WITH CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE (CKD)



### KIDNEY WAITING LIST FACTS

The optimal treatment for most patients with kidney failure is transplantation. And, studies show that the best-functioning, longest-lasting type of transplant comes from a living donor. But the number of kidneys falls far too short of the need. In the U.S.:



Fueled by passion and urgency, NKF is a lifeline for all people affected by kidney disease. As pioneers of scientific research and innovation, NKF focuses on the whole patient through the lens of kidney health. Relentless in our work, we enhance lives through action, education and accelerating change.

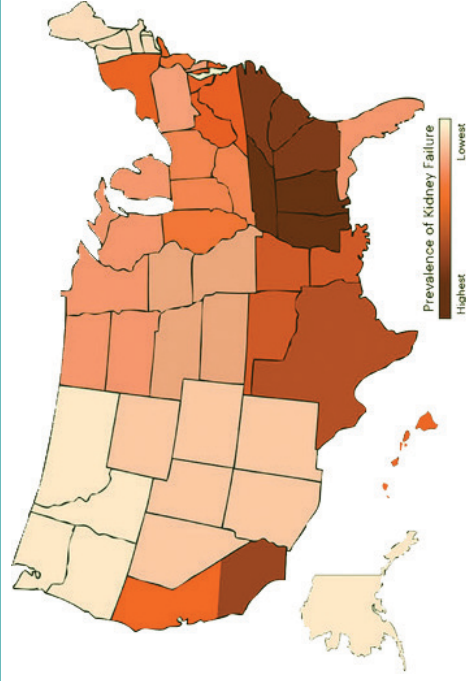
## KIDNEY DISEASE IN **ARKANSAS**

Medicare patients with CKD diagnosed .....	<b>45,520</b>
Medicare patients on dialysis .....	<b>4,117</b>
Kidney transplants performed since 1988 .....	<b>2,849</b>
Patients on the transplant waitlist.....	<b>208</b>
Transplants in 2018 .....	<b>113</b>
Patients who died while on waitlist in 2018 .....	<b>2</b>

### Average Cost to Medicare

Dialysis patient .....	<b>\$89,367</b>
Transplant after first year .....	<b>\$34,752</b>
Immunosuppressant medications .....	<b>\$2,303</b>
Kidney disease test.....	<b>\$80-\$143</b>

## **KIDNEY FAILURE IN THE US**



Sources of Facts and Statistics: Organ Procurement and Transplant Network (OPTN) (2018), United States Renal Data System (USRDS) (2018).

## HOW CAN CONGRESS HELP FIGHT KIDNEY DISEASE?

### Living Donor Protection Act (S. 511/H.R. 1224)

Co-sponsor legislation that would prohibit discrimination in life, disability, or long-term care insurance for living donors. The bill also adds living organ donation to the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

### Extending Medicare coverage for Immunosuppressive Medication

Transplant recipients need these drugs to maintain their kidney and lower risk of rejection. Medicare covers immunosuppressants for only 36 months post-transplant, leaving many recipients struggling to find affordable coverage. Extending Medicare coverage for immunosuppressive medications indefinitely ensures patients have access to these lifesaving medications.

### Appropriations

Increase funding in Fiscal Year 2020 for: CDC's Division of Diabetes Translation's (DDT) CKD Surveillance Project; the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Division of Transplantation and Bureau of Primary Care; the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK); and KidneyX, the Kidney Innovation Accelerator.

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