



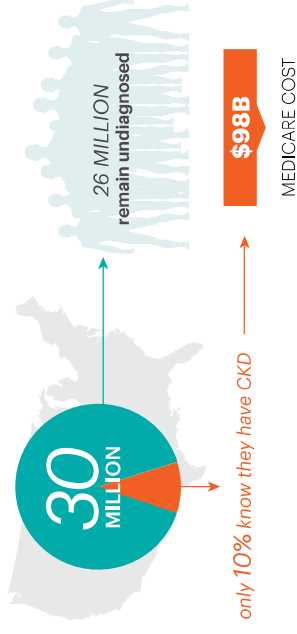
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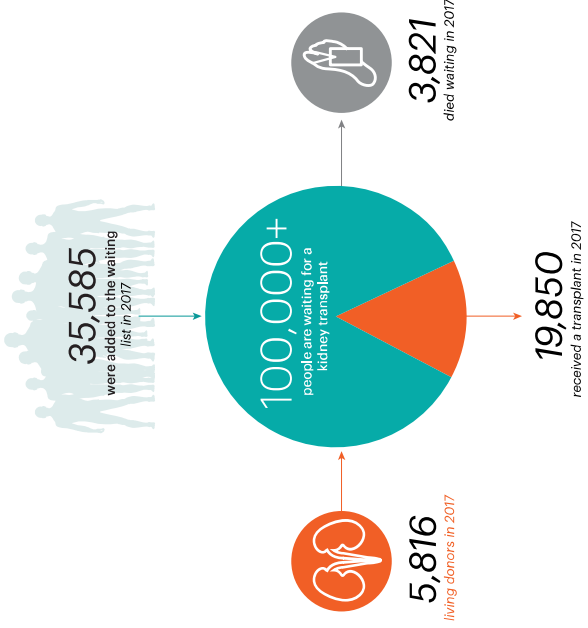
## CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE A NATIONAL HEALTH CARE PRIORITY

### 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.

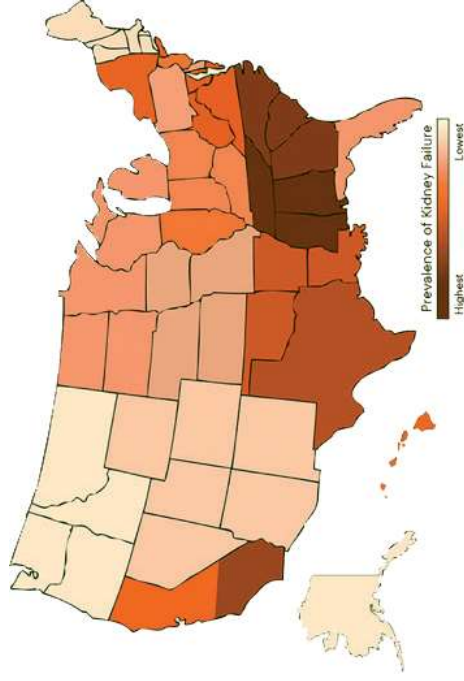
## KIDNEY DISEASE IN **COLORADO**

Medicare patients with CKD diagnosed.....	<b>35,600</b>
Medicare patients on dialysis.....	<b>3,370</b>
Kidney transplants performed since 1988 .....	<b>5,942</b>
Patients on the transplant waitlist.....	<b>1,794</b>
Transplants in 2017 .....	<b>358</b>
Patients who died while on waitlist in 2017 .....	<b>117</b>

### Average Cost to Medicare

Dialysis patient .....	<b>\$93,064</b>
Transplant after first year.....	<b>\$36,389</b>
Kidney disease test.....	<b>\$80-\$143</b>

## **KIDNEY FAILURE IN THE US**



Sources of Facts and Statistics: Organ Procurement and Transplant Network (OPTN) (2017), United States Renal Data System (USRDS) (2017).

## HOW CAN CONGRESS HELP FIGHT KIDNEY DISEASE?

### **Chronic Kidney Disease Early Detection and Management (H.R. 3867)**

Co-sponsor legislation that seeks to establish a pilot demonstration program to help improve care, and outcomes for patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD). The legislation demonstrates that early detection of CKD, combined with effective and coordinated care that engages patients in the decision-making process, can not only improve clinical results but also lower healthcare costs.

### **Living Donor Protection Act (H.R. 1270)**

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).

### **Appropriations**

Increase funding in Fiscal Year 2019 for: CDC's Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion to fight chronic kidney disease; the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK); and the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Division of Transplantation and Bureau of Primary Care.

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