



HOW CAN CONGRESS HELP?

Living Donor Protection Act (S. 377/H.R. 1255)

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

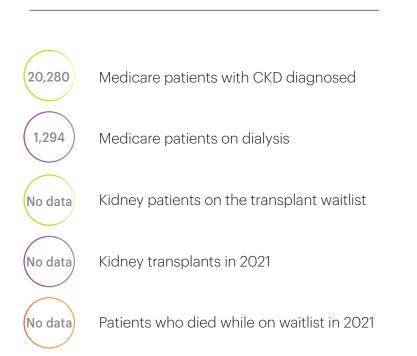
Improving Access to Home Dialysis Act (H.R. 5426)

This bill would remove barriers to accessing home dialysis and ensure that all patients are given the opportunity to dialyze on their own time, in the comfort of their own home, if they so choose.

Appropriations

NKF is seeking \$15 million in funding for CDC's Chronic Kidney Disease Initiative and additional funding for the National Institutes of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Disease (NIDDK).

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AVERAGE ANNUAL COST TO MEDICARE

Pre-kidney failure	\$26,508
Dialysis patient	\$87,850
First year after transplant	\$24,185

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African Americans (x4) Hispanics (x1.3), Asians (x1.4), and Native Americans (x1.4) are more likely than Caucasians to have CKD

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