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KENTUCKY

14.22%	Medicare patients with CKD diagnosed
4,996	Medicare patients on dialysis
814	Kidney patients on the transplant waitlist
163	Kidney transplants in 2022
32	Patients who died while on waitlist in 2022

AVERAGE ANNUAL COST TO MEDICARE

Pre-Kidney failure	$25,920
Dialysis patient	$79,439
First year after transplant	$23,308*

*per person per year (PPPY) in 2016-2019, of which $6,947 PPPY were for immunosuppressants

FAST FACTS

More than 1 in 7, that is 15% of US adults or **37 million people**, are estimated to have CKD.

As many as **9 in 10 adults** with CKD **do not know** they have CKD.

About **2 in 5 adults** with severe CKD **do not know** they have CKD.

LEAD CAUSES

Diabetes and **high blood pressure** are the leading causes of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD).

RACIAL DISPARITIES

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

HOW CONGRESS CAN HELP KIDNEY PATIENTS

LIVING DONOR PROTECTION ACT (LDPA)

Living organ donors save lives, and they deserve protection against discrimination in the pricing and availability of life, disability, or long-term care insurance. LDPA also codifies existing Dept. of Labor policy including living donation in the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

IMPROVING ACCESS TO HOME DIALYSIS ACT

This bill expands patient choice and removes barriers to accessing home dialysis to ensure that all patients are given the opportunity to succeed on the dialysis modality that best suits their needs and preferences, regardless of their zip code.

APPROPRIATIONS

The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) is seeking $15 million in funding for the CDC's Chronic Kidney Disease Initiative and additional funding for the National Institutes of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Disease (NIDDK) to improve prevention and early detection of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) and expand research and innovation towards improved treatments for kidney disease.

ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION TRANSPARENCY, ACCESSIBILITY, AND REFORM ACT (OTTAR)

The organ procurement and transplantation system is in need of oversight, transparency, and accountability to ensure it is functioning properly on behalf of patients awaiting lifesaving organs. This bill begins that process by prioritizing data collection and transparency, and focused supports for communities at high-risk of kidney failure but low access to transplantation.

For additional information, contact **NKFadvocacy@kidney.org** or visit us at **kidney.org/advocacy**

Sources of Facts and Statistics: Organ Procurement and Transplant Network (OPTN) (2022), United States Renal Data System (USRDS) (2022), Center For Disease Control and Prevention (2022)

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