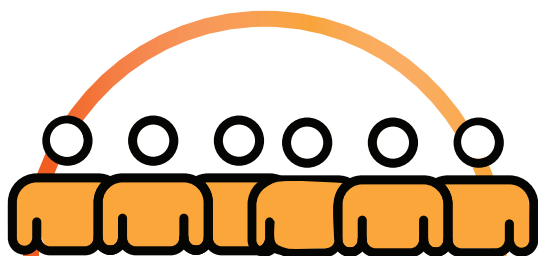


# CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE (CKD)



**37 MILLION**

adults have CKD and  
90% don't know



**\$120 BILLION**

Medicare spent on  
kidney patients

2019

**24,250**  
received a kidney



**95,000**  
waiting for a kidney



**6,900**  
living kidney donors



**41,000**  
were added to  
the waiting list



**3,400**  
died waiting



For additional information, contact [NKFadvocacy@kidney.org](mailto:NKFadvocacy@kidney.org)

Sources of Facts and Statistics: Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN), January 2020



## HOW CAN CONGRESS HELP?

### 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).

### Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act (S. 3353/H.R. 5534)

Medicare covers immuno-suppressants 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 medications.

### Appropriations

Increase funding in FY2021 for:

- The Kidney Public Awareness Initiative (\$10m)
- Kidney X, the Kidney Innovation Accelerator (\$25m)
- CDC's Chronic Kidney Disease Initiative (\$5m)
- National Living Donor Assistance Center (NLDAC) (\$10m)
- National Institutes of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Disease (NIDDK) (\$2.25b)

# MARYLAND

99,420

Medicare patients with CKD diagnosed

9,462

Medicare patients on dialysis

11,828

Kidney transplants performed since 1988

2,371

Kidney patients on the transplant waitlist

394

Kidney transplants in 2019

90

Patients who died while on waitlist in 2019



## AVERAGE COST TO MEDICARE

Dialysis patient \_\_\_\_\_ \$90,232.00

Transplant after first year \_\_\_\_\_ \$25,942.00

Immunosuppressant medication \_\_\_\_\_ \$2,232.00