AMERICAN ADULTS WITH

CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE (CKD)

37 MILLION
adults have CKD and
90% don’t know

$120 BILLION
Medicare spent on
kidney patients

2019

6,900
living kidney donors

24,250
received a kidney

95,000
waiting for a kidney

41,000
were added to
the waiting list

3,400
died waiting

For additional information, contact 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 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 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)

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**MARYLAND**

- Medicare patients with CKD diagnosed: 99,420
- Medicare patients on dialysis: 9,462
- Kidney transplants performed since 1988: 11,828
- Kidney patients on the transplant waitlist: 2,371
- Kidney transplants in 2019: 394
- Patients who died while on waitlist in 2019: 90

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**AVERAGE COST TO MEDICARE**

- Dialysis patient: $90,232.00
- Transplant after first year: $25,942.00
- Immunosuppressant medication: $2,232.00