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).

CARE for Home Dialysis Act
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 funding for the Kidney Risk Campaign; $15 million 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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109,300 Medicare patients with CKD diagnosed
5,829 Medicare patients on dialysis
3,290 Kidney patients on the transplant waitlist
427 Kidney transplants in 2020
184 Patients who died while on waitlist in 2020

AVERAGE ANNUAL COST TO MEDICARE

Pre-kidney failure $23,558
Dialysis patient $90,323
Transplant after first year $25,942

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