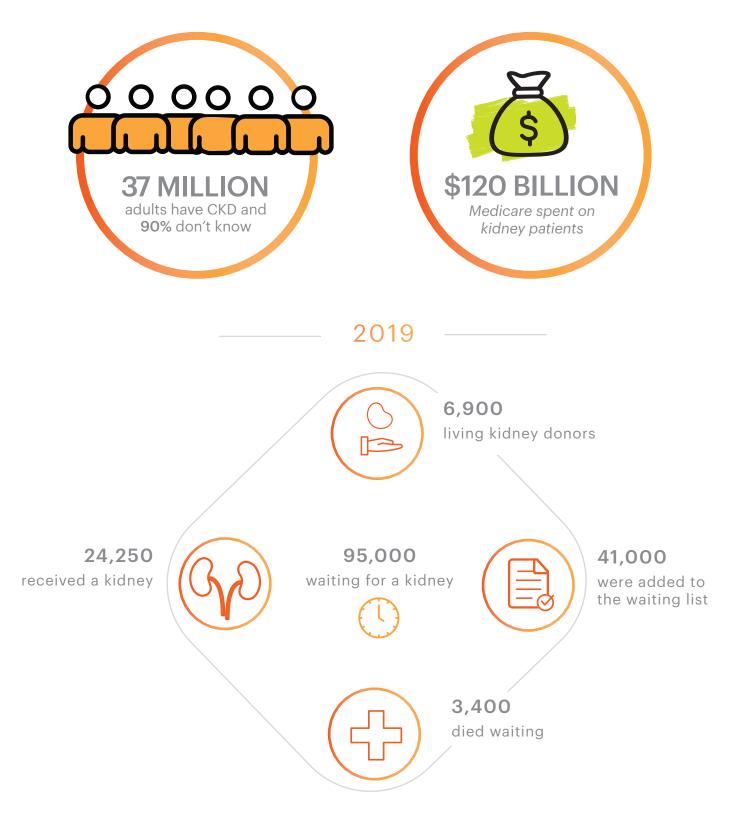
# CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE (CKD)



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### 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)

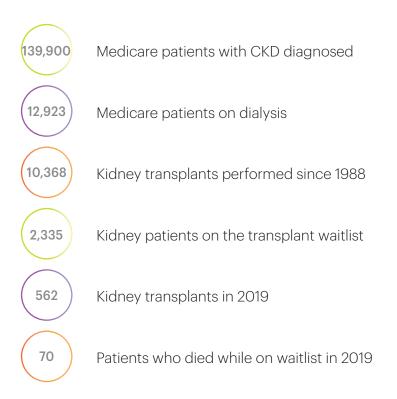
Medicare covers immunosuppressants for only 36 months post-transplant, leaving many recipients struggling to find afordable coverage. Extending Medicare coverage for immunosuppressive medications indefinitely ensures patients have access to these medications.

#### 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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### AVERAGE COST TO MEDICARE

Dialysis patient

- \$90,232.00

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

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

Sources of Facts and Statistics: Organ Procurement and Transplant Network (OPTN) (2020), United States Renal Data System (USRDS) (2020).