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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9,900  
Medicare patients with CKD diagnosed

426  
Medicare patients on dialysis

713  
Kidney transplants performed since 1988

50  
Kidney patients on the transplant waitlist

20  
Kidney transplants in 2019

2  
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