

## 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).

### Improving Access to Home Dialysis Act (H.R. 5426)

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 \$15 million in funding for CDC's Chronic Kidney Disease Initiative and additional funding for the National Institutes of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Disease (NIDDK).

## MAINE

- 22,320 Medicare patients with CKD diagnosed
- 1,117 Medicare patients on dialysis
- 231 Kidney patients on the transplant waitlist
- 51 Kidney transplants in 2021
- 4 Patients who died while on waitlist in 2021

## AVERAGE ANNUAL COST TO MEDICARE

Pre-kidney failure \_\_\_\_\_ \$26,508

Dialysis patient \_\_\_\_\_ \$87,850

First year after transplant \_\_\_\_\_ \$24,185

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

Sources of Facts and Statistics: Organ Procurement and Transplant Network (OPTN) (2022), United States Renal Data System (USRDS) (2021).



**37 MILLION**  
adults have CKD and  
90% don't know



### LEAD CAUSES

Diabetes and high  
blood pressure are the  
leading causes of CKD



### RACIAL DISPARITIES

African Americans (x4)  
Hispanics (x1.3), Asians (x1.4),  
and Native Americans (x1.4)  
are more likely than Caucasians  
to have CKD