

# 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).

### NORTH DAKOTA

13,260

Medicare patients with CKD diagnosed



Medicare patients on dialysis



Kidney patients on the transplant waitlist



Kidney transplants in 2021



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

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### 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

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