

COSPONSOR THE LIVING DONOR ACT H.R. 1270

Removing barriers to organ donation and protecting living organ donors

The Need is Now: Work to End the Nation's Organ Shortage



EVERY 14 MINUTES

a patient is added to the kidney wait list¹



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AMERICANS DIE

every day waiting for a kidney transplant¹



100,000 +

Americans are on the **TRANSPLANT WAIT LIST TODAY¹**

The Living Donor Protection Act Eliminates Barriers

PROTECTS DONORS

Ensures donors are not denied or given limited coverage or higher premiums for life, disability, and long term care plans.

27% of living organ donors experience difficulty securing or paying for insurance.²

SECURES JOBS

Allows living organ donors to use FMLA time to recover from donation surgery and maintain job security.

UP TO 4+

weeks before donors typically return to work.

Transplantation is Cost Effective For Medicare

\$32,586 PER

transplant patient per year

\$87,638 PER

hemodialysis patient per year



Over 10 years, Medicare could save **\$250M–\$780M**

By increasing living donation by 10%³

¹ Organ Procurement and Transplant Network

² Transplant Boyarsky, B. J., Massie, A. B., Alejo, J. L., Van Arendonk, K. J., Wildonger, S., Garonzik-Wang, J. M., Montgomery, R. A., Deshpande, N. A., Muzaale, A. D. and Segev, D. L. (2014), Experiences Obtaining Insurance After Live Kidney Donation. American Journal of Transplantation, 14: 2168–2172. doi:10.1111/ajt.12819

³ Estimated savings are from keeping privately insured patients off of Medicare and do not reflect cost differences among patients already on Medicare. Estimated range assumes 45% of new transplant recipients are privately insured. Low estimate reflects Medicare expenditures for dialysis care only; high estimate reflects Medicare expenditures for average dialysis patients' total cost of care.