An End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) National Coordinating Center (NCC) Patient Education Quickinar

June 23, 2020
Agenda

• What is this call about?
• Today’s speaker
  ▪ Mike Spigler, MCHES
    − Vice President (VP) of Patient Services & Kidney Disease Education
    − American Kidney Fund
• Topic: Kidney Patient Financial Help: Before, During, and After COVID-19
• Questions and answers (Q&As) from chat and Q&A panels
What Is This Call About?

• Hear tips for coping in a COVID-19 environment.
• Provide real-world experiences for others to put into use.
• Engage in weekly calls on varying topics.
“I’m in there almost daily. There are so many resources available. Every time I go in there, I find something else.”

—Dawn Edwards, Legacy Subject Matter Expert (SME)
Grants can be:

- Awarded for various ideas—big and small.
- Offered on specific talents, such as writing or art.
- Given to support ideas for providing a public service.
- Provided to specific populations, communities, or causes such as COVID-19.
Educational Resources

Use the educational resources that improve your grant-submitting experience to:

• Learn how to expand your writing skills.
• Discover methods for creating a budget.
• Locate hints for submitting applications.
• Find step-by-step instructions on how to apply for a government grant.
Additional Resources

Fraud Awareness

• This section provides information about how to avoid fraud and scams.

• Locate the resources for reporting fraud.

• Learn more about internet safety and terms to stay safe online.

Patient Library Website Badge

• Share the ESRD NCC Patient Grant Library on your website.
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HELPING PEOPLE IN EVERY STAGE OF KIDNEY DISEASE

Fighting on all fronts

- Awareness
- Advocacy
- Prevention
- Public Education
- Professional Engagement
- Research
- Financial Assistance
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: HIPP

• Health Insurance Premium Program (HIPP)

• Enables dialysis and recently-transplanted patients to maintain health insurance coverage
• Pays premiums for Medicare, Medigap, commercial (including Qualified Health Plans), COBRA and/or Medicaid health coverage
• Eligibility is based on financial need
• More than 70,000 patients maintained their health insurance coverage through our HIPP program last year
• More than 2,600 dialysis patients had transplants last year with HIPP assistance. On average, we help about 100 patients get a transplant each month.
• Maximum value is $100 per patient and patients are eligible to receive a grant once a year
• In 2019, more than 10,000 dialysis and transplant patients received a Safety Net grant from AKF
• Grants help patients pay for:
  • Transportation (fuel, taxis, public transit, vehicle repair, etc.)
  • Medications and nutritional supplements
  • Medical supplies
  • Other treatment-related expenses
Over the past four years, AKF provided nearly $1.4 million to nearly 6,000 patients affected by recent hurricanes, wildfires, floods, and earthquakes.

AKF responded immediately with grants to patients for food, medication, transportation, household/clothing replacement, and temporary lodging.
CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY FUND

• $250 grants to financially-needy dialysis and recently transplanted patients

• Patients must have been directly affected physically or financially

• Over $2.5 million distributed to more than 10,000 patients

• Applications can be submitted at: gms.kidneyfund.org

Based on 9,288 applicants as of May 27, 2020
Let Us Hear From You

• Q&As from chat and Q&A panels
Introducing TheKidneyHub.org.

- Secure, mobile-friendly web tool for patients and professionals.
- Developed by the ESRD NCC with assistance from patient subject matter experts.
- Links to important resources, such as:
  - COVID-19, infection prevention, transplant, home dialysis, and new ESRD patient education.
  - New features include access to the Patient Grant Library, an informative Understanding High-KDPI and Increased Risk Kidneys video, and more.
- Visit today and bookmark to your device’s home screen.
Our Next COVID-19 Quickinar Events

• Save the dates for our next events.
  ▪ Provider-focused event: June 24 at 5 p.m. ET
  ▪ Patient-focused event: June 30 at 5 p.m. ET

• Visit [www.kidneyCOVIDinfocenter.com](http://www.kidneyCOVIDinfocenter.com) for information and to register.
Thank You!

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Additional COVID-19 resources for patients and providers: