

Kidney Foundation of Ohio, Inc.

Patient Services

Patient Assistance Programs

Medication Assistance Program Participants receive up to \$400/year to purchase medications or nutritional supplements through an approved pharmacy. The Foundation also works with pharmaceutical companies who offer direct drug voucher or discount purchase programs. Priority is given to people who have no other form of assistance, such as Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance.

Transportation Assistance This program provides financial aid to people who need help paying for safe, reliable, and affordable transportation to and from dialysis or transplant appointments. Priority is given to patients who travel long distances. The maximum reimbursement is \$50.00 per month, paid bi-monthly. The Kidney Foundation of Ohio does not provide or have the means to provide transportation for dialysis or transplant appointments.

Emergency Grants Kidney disease can be financially devastating. To help lessen the financial burden, a \$100 emergency grant, available once a year, can be issued when no other assistance is available. Unexpected high utility bills, auto repairs, and medical supplies are often situations where emergency grants are awarded.

Program Eligibility Requirements: Live within service area, diagnosed with kidney disease, and demonstrates financial need (follow U.S. Federal Poverty Guidelines)

Additional Programming

Case Management Provides supportive services tailored to empower patients with Chronic Kidney Disease and their families. Living with a chronic illness requires significant lifestyle adjustments for the individual and family members, which may cause people to feel helpless or overwhelmed. The intensity of the emotions and lack of proper communication may inhibit an individual's ability to follow treatment guidelines and result in poor medical outcomes. The support can help empower individuals to advocate for better health outcomes and management.

ID Tags Personalized medical alert tags are available to patients free of charge. The tags include the patient's name, treatment type, doctor's name and telephone number, allergies and unusual medical conditions.

The Kidney Foundation of Ohio believes one of the first steps in preventing kidney disease is educating the community. The Foundation provides the following three types of education services:

- Community Outreach
- Professional Education
- Youth Programming

For more information on these programs please call the Foundation at (216) 771-2700

History

The Kidney Foundation of Ohio was formed in 1950 by a group of parents whose children suffered with childhood nephrosis. The organization has gone through several transitions over the years including affiliation and later disaffiliation from the National Kidney Foundation. As time went on the Foundation grew in size, eventually covering 32 counties in northern and eastern Ohio, five counties in northern West Virginia, as well as chapter affiliates in Lake and Summit Counties.

What was once a small group of families has become the premier agency in Ohio for providing direct assistance and education to those suffering the effects of kidney failure. The Kidney Foundation of Ohio remains one of the few health and human service agencies in northeast Ohio which continues to provide direct dollars to patients to assist them through the devastation of kidney disease.



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Warning Signs of Kidney Disease

- Changes in urination
- Swelling of the feet, ankles, hands, or face
- Persistent fatigue or shortness of breath
- Nausea and vomiting
- Ammonia breath or an ammonia or metal taste in mouth
- Loss of appetite
- Increasingly higher blood pressure
- Muscle cramps
- Excessively dry itchy skin

If you have any of these symptoms, contact your doctor.

For More Information, Contact a Location Nearest You

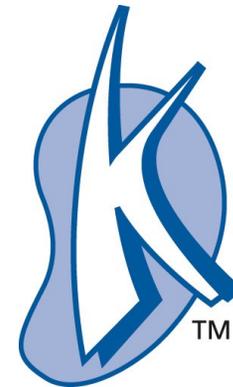
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