

# Benefits for veterans with kidney disease

## American Kidney Fund's financial assistance program

Veterans with kidney disease may be eligible for any of the American Kidney Fund's (AKF) grants or financial assistance programs.

AKF provides assistance with transportation costs, prescription medications and other expenses related to care.



## AKF's grant programs



### Safety net grants:

Small grants to help people on dialysis with health care expenses not covered by insurance, such as transportation, over-the-counter medicines and co-payments.



### Disaster relief grants:

Grants to help kidney patients replace lost medicines and kidney-friendly foods, pay for temporary housing and transportation to treatments and replace clothing and personal essentials lost in a natural disaster.



### Living donor financial assistance programs:

Grants up to \$2,500 for living kidney donors post-transplant in New York City, Massachusetts, and the Washington, D.C. metro area.



**Learn more about AKF's financial assistance programs at:**  
**[KidneyFund.org/get-assistance](https://www.kidneyfund.org/get-assistance)**

For further information, please call 1.800.795.3226  
Monday - Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET  
or make an appointment at **[gmsassist.com](https://www.gmsassist.com)**.

# VA kidney services

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers enrolled veterans kidney services that can help slow down kidney disease and prevent kidney failure, as well as services to treat veterans living with kidney failure.<sup>1</sup>



**Specialty care:** VA employs over 200 nephrologists- doctors who specialize in the care and management of patients with kidney disease.

**Dialysis:** Over 150 VA medical centers provide dialysis. VA encourages home dialysis for medically suitable veterans. VA also pays for veterans to receive dialysis from over 6,600 VA-contracted community providers.

**Kidney research:** VA is involved with research focused on increasing prevention efforts and improving options of new treatments for kidney disease.

**Telehealth:** VA uses telehealth technologies that allow veterans to connect to their care team from their home, clinic or hospital. Ask your healthcare team about receiving care through telehealth.

**Kidney transplant:** VA performs over 160 kidney transplants annually. Clinically-eligible veterans can receive a transplant at a VA Transplant Center. Veterans may also receive a transplant from a community transplant center if they meet VA's community care eligibility criteria.

## Are you eligible for VA services?

Veterans who stay on VA health care have access to comprehensive care services beyond dialysis to help you get—and stay—healthy.



Find out if you are eligible for VA services at:  
[VA.gov/health-care/eligibility](https://www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility)



For questions about VA kidney services, email:  
[VHANationalKidneyProgramOffice@va.gov](mailto:VHANationalKidneyProgramOffice@va.gov)

### VA health care covers services to help:

- Treat illnesses and injuries
- Prevent future health problems
- Improve your ability to function
- Enhance your quality of life

1. [va.gov/HEALTH/services/renal/documents/Veteran\\_Toolkit\\_Kidney\\_Disease\\_General\\_Information\\_and\\_Key\\_Resources\\_for\\_Veterans\\_3-10-20.pdf](https://www.va.gov/HEALTH/services/renal/documents/Veteran_Toolkit_Kidney_Disease_General_Information_and_Key_Resources_for_Veterans_3-10-20.pdf)