

PRESS RELEASE

National Kidney Registry Adds Donor Insurance Benefit

(Babylon, NY – November 29, 2017) – The National Kidney Registry has extended its purchase of donor insurance policies to all donors involved in NKR facilitated swaps and kidney donations. Through a variety of programs, detailed below, the NKR has continued to expand its donor benefits with the goal of eliminating disincentives to kidney donation and making the kidney donation process easier for all donors.

	Programs				
	NKR Facilitated Kidney Donation Programs				Other
<u>Donor Benefits</u>	Paired Kidney Exchange Through NKR Swap at DCN Center of Excellence	Paired Kidney Exchange Through NKR Swap	In-Center Donation at DCN Center	In-Center Donation at Donor Shield Center	Most Other Transplant Centers
Deceased Donor Kidney Prioritization Additional prioritization points on the Deceased Kidney Donor List if a living donor ever needs a kidney.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Living Kidney Prioritization Prioritization for a living donor kidney if an NKR donor ever needs a kidney. Living donor kidneys typically last twice as long as deceased donor kidneys.	✓	✓			
Financial Protection for Uncovered Complications Any kidney donation related complications (e.g. hernia, etc.) not covered by the recipient's insurance, will be covered.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Lost Wage Reimbursement Donors earning \$47,000/ year or less are eligible for up to 4 weeks of lost wage reimbursement. Lost wages are earnings that a donor lost due to time missed at work as a result of kidney donation.	✓		✓	✓	
Travel & Lodging Reimbursement Donors earning \$47,000/ year or less are eligible for reimbursement of up to \$1,000 of travel and lodging expenses related to their kidney donation.	✓		✓	✓	
Donation Life Insurance The donation life insurance policy includes a \$500,000 principal sum covering a period of 365 days post donation.	✓	✓		✓	
Donation Disability Insurance The donation disability insurance policy covers up to \$1,500 in weekly income for up to 52 weeks after surgery.	✓	✓		✓	
Legal Representation If you are wrongfully terminated for donating a kidney or your health insurance company raises your premiums due to your kidney donation, NKR will provide legal support.	✓	✓	✓	✓	

“Offering these donor benefits is essential in working toward eliminating disincentives to those interested in pursuing living donor kidney donation. We are hopeful all transplant centers will communicate these benefits in their consent process so that donors are fully informed and have the opportunity to utilize these important benefit options” remarked Dr. Matthew Cooper, Chair of the NKR Surgical Committee and Director of Kidney Transplantation at MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute.

Garet Hil, Founder and CEO of the National Kidney Registry added, “As a donor myself, I am committed to the protection and support of kidney donors and these new comprehensive donor benefits will make a big impact in eliminating disincentives to living kidney donation and will provide better support for the generous people who donate a kidney”.

About the National Kidney Registry and the Donor Care Network

The National Kidney Registry (www.kidneyregistry.org) is a nonprofit organization with the mission to save and improve the lives of people facing kidney failure by increasing the quality, speed, and number of living donor transplants.

The Donor Care Network (www.donorcarenetwork.org) is a non-profit organization with a mission to ensure all living kidney donors are treated with courtesy and respect at Donor Care Network centers of excellence that share and implement best practices making donation safer, easier and more convenient.