



# Patient Programs

## ▶ What does the American Kidney Fund (AKF) do?

AKF helps dialysis and kidney transplant patients with their treatment related costs. We also help people learn about kidney health and find the resources they need.

## ▶ What kind of help does AKF provide?

AKF helps with related costs that insurance does not cover.

✓ <b>AKF can help with:</b>	✗ <b>AKF does not help with:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation to and from treatment</li> <li>• Medicines</li> <li>• Nutritional supplements</li> <li>• Durable medical supplies</li> <li>• Health insurance premiums</li> <li>• Some dental costs</li> <li>• Dialysis during emergency travel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospital or medical bills</li> <li>• Rent or mortgage</li> <li>• Utility bills (electric, water, gas)</li> <li>• Food</li> </ul>

## ▶ Who can get help from AKF?

You may be able to get help from AKF if you have end stage renal disease (ESRD) and:

- Are on dialysis
- Have a kidney transplant planned
- Have gotten a kidney transplant in the last 5 years

**AND** have financial need. AKF programs are a “last resort” kind of help. AKF will review your household income, reasonable expenses and liquid assets before granting funds.

## ▶ How can I apply for help from AKF?

You must apply through your dialysis social worker or transplant coordinator.

Social workers or transplant coordinators can complete applications for all AKF programs on the AKF website at [www.kidneyfund.org](http://www.kidneyfund.org). For questions or help applying please contact our Patient Services Division at 1.800.795.3226 or [patientservice@kidneyfund.org](mailto:patientservice@kidneyfund.org).

## ▶ Where else can I find help?

If you have questions or need more help, please feel free to contact our toll-free HelpLine at 1.866.300.2900 or [helpline@kidneyfund.org](mailto:helpline@kidneyfund.org). Our health educators can answer basic kidney health questions and help you find the resources you need.