

Extend lifetime immunosuppressive coverage for kidney transplant recipients

When a person receives a kidney transplant, immunosuppressive drugs prevent organ rejection.

- Medicare covers immunosuppressive drugs for 36 months.
- If a transplant fails, Medicare pays for the patient to return to dialysis (\$71,000 annually) or to receive a second transplant (\$100,000 annually).
- Immunosuppressive drugs cost \$17,000 per year.

Extended coverage of immunosuppressive drugs would prolong the lives of Americans, reduce taxpayer costs, and allow more dialysis patients to consider a transplant.

ASN urges you to support kidney transplant recipients:

- Advocate to include immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplants in the Essential Health Benefits Package
- Support legislation to extend lifetime immunosuppressive drug coverage

**Annual Per-Patient Cost:
Immunosuppressive Drugs vs.
Dialysis or Second Transplant**

