



**Removing Barriers to Donation  
by Protecting, Supporting and  
Assisting Donors**



**NATIONAL KIDNEY REGISTRY®**  
FACILITATING LIVING DONOR TRANSPLANTS

## Donor Assistance offered through the National Kidney Registry's Donor Shield



### Lost Wage Reimbursement\*

- Reimbursement up to \$2,000/week for up to 6 weeks (weeks 3-6 require approval from transplant center)
- SSN or EIN and documentation to support employment and income is required
- All reimbursements are made within approximately 10 business days after submission of proper documentation
- Reimbursements made via ACH. Bank routing number and account number must be provided for reimbursement
- Donor will receive 1099 Miscellaneous Income form for wage reimbursement†



### Reimbursement for Travel, Lodging and Dependent-Care Costs\*

- Reimbursement for travel and lodging expenses for the donor and a caregiver
  - Covers transportation (taxi, ride share, car rental, parking), mileage (IRS medical mileage rate) and lodging
  - Receipts for all travel costs are required for reimbursement
- Reimbursement for dependent-care costs for a child or adult dependent of the donor
  - Covers child or adult day care, before- and after-school care, in-home care and summer day camp
  - Receipts are required for dependent care provided by a care facility. If care is provided through an individual and a receipt for services cannot be produced, the donor will be asked to sign an affidavit as part of the reimbursement process

- All post-donation reimbursements are made within approximately 10 business days after submission of receipts
- Reimbursements are made via ACH. Bank routing number and account number must be provided for reimbursement†
- Donors are eligible for reimbursement of donation-related travel, lodging and dependent-care costs up to a maximum of \$5,000

## Register as a Donor Through an NKR Website for an Easier Process and Extra Support



### Reduce Wasted Time

- Easy online screening to determine preliminary donor eligibility
- Easy online process from initial donor registration to post-transplant follow-up



### Donor Connect

- Speak with a living kidney donor who can answer questions based on their own experience
- Most donor mentors are certified Independent Living Donor Advocates

For the latest information,  
please contact your transplant center or  
visit our website



[www.donor-shield.org](http://www.donor-shield.org)



### Kidney Prioritization\*\*\*

- Prioritization for a living donor kidney should the donor ever need a transplant in the future



### Voucher Donation

- Donate when it is convenient for you and provide a voucher to your loved one(s) for prioritization for a living donor transplant through the National Kidney Registry
- Standard Voucher: Donate according to your schedule and provide a voucher for someone who is in imminent need of a kidney transplant
- Family Voucher: Donate according to your schedule and provide a voucher for up to five members of your immediate family who are not in imminent need of a transplant



### Remote Donation

- Donors can complete their evaluation and surgery at a local NKR transplant center
- Avoid traveling to recipient's transplant center
- Donated kidney is transported safely to the recipient



### Best Match

- The NKR system utilizes the most advanced technology and science to find patients the best possible match
- Better matches mean better outcomes and longer-lasting kidney transplants, so your donation can last longer



### Legal Support\*

- Free legal support for issues directly related to kidney donation
- Help fighting unlawful employment termination or discrimination by health or life insurance companies



### Complication Protection\*

- Donors never pay for any type of donation-related complication at any time after kidney donation
- Travel, lodging and lost wage reimbursement for treatment of any donation-related complications



### Home Blood Draws\*

- Phlebotomist comes directly to donor's home or place of employment
- Eliminate trips to the transplant center and time off work



### Help Other Donors\*\*

- Provide feedback on your donor experience to improve the experience for other donors
- Delivered automatically via email throughout the donation process
- Designed to take less than 5 minutes to complete

*\* Donors must participate in an NKR swap or donate at a Donor Shield Direct center to receive this donor assistance.*

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*\*\*\* Available through NKR's Voucher Program, NKR swaps and Kidney for Life direct transplants.*

*† ACH payment will come from the law firm of Smith Carroad Wan & Parikh, P.C., which has been retained by the NKR to manage the Donor Shield reimbursement process.*

