

THE CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE IMPROVEMENT IN RESEARCH AND TREATMENT ACT OF 2015

HR 1130/S 598

Section 101. Identifying Gaps in Chronic Kidney Disease Research. Directs the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to develop a comprehensive report, due one year after enactment, which assesses the adequacy of federal investments in chronic kidney disease research relative to federal expenditures for chronic kidney disease care.

NIH Research Funding by Disease¹

Disease (Prevalence)	2014 Budget	NIH Spending per Patient
HIV/AIDS (1 million)	\$2,978,000,000	\$2,978
Cancer (14 million)	\$7,957,000,000	\$568
Heart Disease (27 million)	\$1,645,000,000	\$61
Kidney Disease (20 million)	\$585,000,000	\$29

Section 103. Understanding the Progression of Kidney Disease and Treatment of Kidney Failure in Minority Populations. Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services, no later than one year after enactment, to submit a report to the Congress on: (1) the social, behavioral, and biological factors leading to kidney disease; (2) national efforts to slow the progression of kidney disease in minority populations disproportionately affected by such disease; and (3) treatment patterns associated with providing care to minority populations disproportionately affected by kidney failure.

Disproportionate Risk of Kidney Failure for Minority Populations²



Caucasians



Native Americans



Hispanics



African Americans

Section 104. Identifying Barriers or Payment Disincentives for Transplant and Post-Transplant Care. Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services, no later than two years after enactment, to submit a report to the Congress on any disincentives in the Medicare payment systems that create barriers to kidney transplantation and post-transplant care for beneficiaries with end-stage renal disease.

Demand for Transplantation Outweighs Available Organs

450,000 Americans are on dialysis³
 110,000 patients are wait-listed for a kidney transplant
 17,106 individuals received a kidney transplant in 2014
 6,085 people died while waiting for a kidney in 2014⁴

¹ http://report.nih.gov/categorical_spending.aspx

^{2,3} http://www.usrds.org/2014/download/V2_Ch_01_ESRD_Incidence_Prevalence_14.pdf

⁴ OPTN Facts about Transplantation in the United States