Kidney Foundation of Western New York

Patient Support Programs

The Kidney Foundation of WNY is dedicated to increasing community awareness of kidney disease while educating, supporting and advocating for those we serve.

In keeping with this mission, the foundation offers support to patients with limited means within the eight counties of Western New York. Requests for the below services should be made through patients' social workers. The Patient Support Committee reviews the summaries of applications with identifying details omitted. Assistance is granted based upon patient need and the availability of funds.

Social workers may send applications to Community Resources Coordinator Katie Allen by email at kallen@kfwny.org, by fax at 716-276-3649 or by mail to Kidney Foundation of WNY, 4444 Bryant and Stratton Way, Williamsville, NY 14221. Katie Allen can be also be reached by phone at 716-529-4392. If you are sending a request by fax, please call or email so we know to expect it.

Patients' personal information will be kept confidential. Non-identifying information will be used to evaluate program effectiveness and report upon the program's reach.

Emergency Financial Assistance
Financial assistance grants are provided to dialysis and kidney transplant patients to assist with short-term, one-time emergency needs such as food, utility payments, rent and/or medication. The maximum grant amount is $150 per patient per year. Payments will be made to vendors, not to the patient. Emergency financial assistance should not overlap with an individual's use of the Kidney Foundation of WNY Transportation Assistance or Nutritional Supplement programs.

Nutritional Supplements
Nutritional renal supplements are provided on a short-term basis to dialysis patients in order to prevent or treat nutritional deficits. The Kidney Foundation of WNY will send packages of supplement powders and/or drinks to the patient's dialysis center.

Transportation Assistance
Short-term grants are available to dialysis and transplant patients to offset the cost of transportation to and from treatment centers. The grant can cover a limited period at a maximum of $100 per month. The assistance is meant only to subsidize the cost of transportation (such as paratransit and public transit) or gasoline to and from treatment sites.

Medical Identification Jewelry
The Kidney Foundation of WNY will order and purchase a medical identification bracelet or necklace for a transplant recipient or dialysis patient. This identification jewelry can provide critical information in the event of a medical emergency.

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