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LIVING ORGAN DONOR PROTECTIONS

What are living organ donor protections?

Donating an organ to a family member or friend is a tremendous act of kindness and generosity. Tragically, however, people who donate organs, such as kidneys, sometimes face sudden increases in health insurance rates due to their donation, soaring out-of-pocket costs, or even retaliation and job loss. Living donor protections include paid or job-protected leave, insurance protections, tax credits for employers who provide paid leave, direct donor reimbursements, employee tax credits or tax deductions, and extended family medical leave. These protections make it easier for people to give the gift of life through donation.

How do living organ donor protections impact patients with chronic diseases?

Living organ donation provides chronic disease patients a second chance at life and is more effective and cost-efficient than dialysis and posthumous donation. Unfortunately, there are more than 100,000 people currently on the transplant waiting list in the U.S. Despite the 6,000 Americans who become living donors each year, another name is added to the transplant waitlist every 10 minutes. We need more donors, and we need to protect them.



"Many families...have experienced the difficult decision to either donate potentially life-saving organs or risk losing their insurance coverage. After serving as a living donor to my son Will, I saw this struggle first-hand and was committed to finding a solution to ensure no potential donor would be unfairly penalized for their life saving act."

John Albers (R), Georgia Senator
Sponsor of
"Giving the Gift of Life Act"



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