Press Release
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TRIO Joins In Concern of Proposed CMS Reduction in Dialysis Funding

TRIO (Transplant Recipients International Organization) joins other organizations such as the Renal Support Network (RSN), American Assn. of Kidney Patients (AAKP) and American Society of Nephrology (ASN), among many others, in expressing significant concern at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) current proposal of a drastic cut of 12% out of the Medicare ESRD system, which would essentially strip approximately $30 out of the $246 that Medicare currently pays for a 3-4 hour dialysis session.

Help us, as we join others in the kidney and transplant community to make sure representatives in Congress know this is not acceptable. The proposed CMS cuts that would slash reimbursement for dialysis could have a negative impact on the health of kidney patients all over the U.S. Many small, independent and rural units will close, as the cut will kill the margins of these entities. Larger units will have to cut back on services and personnel, affecting quality of patient care.

Summit a comment: TRIO urges recipients, patients and families to take action by sending a comment to CMS by August 30th (Note: to be assured consideration, comments must be received at one of the addresses provided below, no later than 5 p.m. E.S.T on August 30, 2013.)

In commenting, please refer to file code CMS–1526–P. Note: FAX transmissions will not be accepted.

You may submit comments in any one of four ways:

1. Electronically. You may submit electronic comments on this regulation to http://www.regulations.gov following the instructions above.
2. By regular mail. You may mail written comments to the following address ONLY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS–1526–P, P.O. Box 8010, Baltimore, MD 21244–8010.
   Please allow sufficient time for mailed comments to be received before the close of the comment period.
3. By express or overnight mail. You may send written comments to the following address ONLY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS–1526–P, Mail Stop C4–26–05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850.

For further information, contact TRIO by e-mail or phone at the numbers/address above.