



MedStar Georgetown  
Transplant Institute



# Exclusive Living Kidney Donor Protections

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MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute is the area's only National Kidney Registry Donor Shield program participant. The program provides a safety net for living kidney donors through a range of protections.

Donors who undergo surgery at MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute **will qualify** for the following protections through the National Kidney Registry:

- **Donation life insurance** with a \$500,000 principal sum, covering a period of one year post-surgery
- **Donation disability insurance** with a \$1,500 maximum weekly benefit, covering a period of one year post-surgery, with a 30-day waiting period
- **Financial protection** for complications that ensures donors are never asked to pay for a post-surgical complication that is a result of their kidney donation
- **Legal representation** should a donor's employment or health insurance be negatively affected by living donation

Donors who undergo surgery at MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute **may qualify** for the following protections:

- **Lost wage reimbursement** up to four weeks for donors who will have a loss of income during their recovery period
- **Travel and lodging reimbursement** of up to \$1,000. This includes expenses associated with the evaluation and surgery. Driving expenses are reimbursed at the IRS mileage rate and lodging covers a hotel near MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute.

For more information about Donor Shield Protections contact Sarah Cady, Living Donor Social Worker, at **202-444-6038**.  
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# Why Choose Us for Your Kidney Transplant?

MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute is a leader in kidney transplantation.

- Largest volume living donor program in the region
- A team that includes some of the foremost kidney specialists in the country
- Access to a wide range of innovative kidney transplant options
- Outcomes and survival rates that are among the best in the nation
- Paired kidney exchange and the management of recipients and donors who are incompatible
- One of the most successful laparoscopic living donor kidney programs in the region
- **We are the area's only National Kidney Registry Donor Shield program, providing a range of donor protections that are otherwise not offered in the region.**

# Her Kidney Gave Two People a Chance at a Healthier Life

Kyllee Wills is the kind of person who has always gone the extra mile for those in need. The 32-year-old 911 dispatcher and mother of two is an active community volunteer, working with a variety of organizations including Special Olympics.

When her mother mentioned that a friend needed a kidney transplant, Kyllee was interested in helping. The friend's Facebook page included information on how to apply to be a donor. Kyllee filled out the application and got a call from MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute the next day. "I talked with the transplant coordinator and decided to proceed with the process, traveling from my hometown in Indiana to Washington for the evaluation," she says.

While the results of the evaluation revealed Kyllee was a match, she was offered another opportunity. "The transplant coordinator asked if I would do a paired kidney exchange and explained that my kidney would go to another recipient in need while my mother's friend would receive a kidney from another donor, allowing more transplants to happen," she adds.

Kyllee underwent laparoscopic surgery to donate her kidney. Once home, she was off work for about two weeks recovering and during that period her wages were reimbursed through the National Kidney Registry's Donor Shield program. "While it didn't affect my decision to be a kidney donor, having the wage reimbursement and knowing that, if I ever need a kidney transplant, I'll have priority on the waiting list is a great safety net," Kyllee says.

"I would tell anyone considering kidney donation to go for it. I have given two people the chance at a healthier life and made new friends along the way. If I had a third kidney to spare, I would go right back on the operating table," she adds.





# Important Phone Numbers

Living Donor Social Worker/Donor Advocate  
Paired Kidney Exchange Coordinator  
Living Donor Liaison

**202-444-6038**  
**202-444-6058**  
**202-444-3714**

The Living Donor Team is committed to providing the highest quality of care to patients and their families.

If you would like to speak with a team member about living donation please call **202-444-3714**.

To begin the process of becoming a living kidney donor, please visit **MedStarGeorgetown.org/LivingKidneyDonor** to complete the donor questionnaire.



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