

UNIVERSITY *of* MISSOURI HEALTH SYSTEM

MISSOURI KIDNEY PROGRAM
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

May 19, 2011

Dear Missouri Kidney Program Patients,

I deeply regret to inform you that on May 5, 2011, the Missouri Kidney Program received an unprecedented 48% budget cut from MO Legislators. This is a devastating blow to you, the kidney community, and MoKP's assistance. The decrease in assistance will begin July 1, 2011.

The decision on what assistance to cut was very difficult. MoKP's primary area of focus will now be providing medication and immunosuppressive assistance. We are relieved to announce there will be no cuts in our medication assistance (Kilgore's Medical Pharmacy). In addition, patients who are actively using Kilgore's will be reviewed to determine future insurance premium assistance eligibility.

EFFECTIVE 07-01-2011 the following will occur:

- Elimination of our nutritional supplement program.
- Elimination of any transportation assistance to dialysis or transplant appointments.
- Elimination of Medicare premium reimbursement.
- Elimination of any insurance premiums assistance to patients **not actively** using Kilgore's.
- Reduction in transplant/living donor grants.
- Eliminating patient/staff education assistance.
- Reducing financial eligibility asset limit to \$15,000.

We understand the extreme hardship this will place on you; however the Governor and your Legislators may not understand this hardship. Please express your opinions to your elected officials at the following address:

Governor Jay Nixon
216 Capitol Building
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Representative _____
Capitol Building
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Senator _____
Capitol Building
Jefferson City, MO 65101

For complete listing of your elected official: www.senate.mo.gov or www.house.mo.gov, click on the Legislature Look-Up link and enter your 9 digit zip code.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely—



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