

We are excited to share that your nephrologist is part of a Medicare's Comprehensive Kidney Care program. The program gives our patients extra support from nurses and care coordinators from our partner, VillageHealth. These new members of the care team work closely with our office to help us deliver better care to you.

**You receive this extra support because you are a patient at our practice with Medicare insurance.** Medicare pays for this support, and it is included in your current benefits. It does not change your insurance or where you get health care. You can still go to any doctor, hospital or other health care provider that accepts Medicare.

**How can this program help me?** This Medicare program helps make health care simpler. You get support in between your doctor visits from expert nurses and care coordinators who can help you with:

- **Care when you need it.** They can help you find doctors, schedule appointments and connect you with rides to your visits.
- **Care designed for you.** They can:
  - Help you understand your labs and medications
  - Tell your doctor about changes in your health
  - Perform a health assessment to check your health and well being
- **Answer your questions in between visits,** such as:
  - What your symptoms might mean
  - What foods to eat to support your health

**How do I start?** The welcome packet included with this letter includes 3 things to fill out. Please return these 3 forms to your kidney doctor or mail them back using the prepaid envelope.

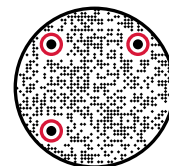
1. **Consent form:** These forms aid VillageHealth in working with you and your doctor. They also allow VillageHealth to communicate with you digitally.
2. **Patient activation:** This 5-minute survey, called the "Patient Activation Measure," helps your doctor and your personal care team understand how to best help you.
3. **Emotional health:** This survey, called the "Patient Health Questionnaire," helps your doctor and your personal care team learn about your emotional wellness to help with other support you may need.

**What happens next?** Medicare allows you to receive an annual health assessment. Your personal VillageHealth care team will call you in the next few weeks to get this started.

### Who can I call with questions?



- Your personal VillageHealth care team: 800-767-0063 (TTY 711), 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST), Monday - Friday.
- Interested in learning more about VillageHealth? Visit [VillageHealth.com](https://www.villagehealth.com).



Sincerely,  
your nephrologist