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**Subject:** Dialysis Patients and their ESRD Plans

It has been brought to my attention that there are insurance companies that are starting to discriminate against dialysis patients.

These companies are spending millions of dollars to get us as a clients however once we sign up...they start to change the policies that they enticed us with.

I am concerned that they are pushing us to sign up for Medicare to circumvent their cost. The work we put into finding a provider is long and difficult. All the fine print gets lost. Then switching becomes another headache for people who are ill.

There are so many financial burdens that involve long hours sitting on a phone and waiting for someone to get back to you in a timely manner. There are very few advocates for the patient.

I am upset about the removal of patient insurance choices and forced additional financial expenses from either Medicare or OOP.

Please take a look at the fine print that sends the dialysis costs to the patient after x amounts of visits. Everyone cannot afford a transplant nor are they well enough to get one.

I am wanting to be an advocate for myself and other patients who are unable to send these letters.

thank you,  
Carmelleta Nash-Promnold  
Davita Dialysis Patient.