

# ESRD Patient Responsibilities

## **In the dialysis unit, patients have the responsibility to;**

- treat other patients and staff as you would like to be treated, with respect.
- follow the rules of the dialysis unit.
- tell your healthcare team if you don't understand your medical condition or treatment plan.
- be on time for your treatments or when you see your doctor.
- tell the staff at the center if you know that you're going to be late or miss a treatment or visit with your doctor.
- inform your doctor, social worker, etc. about your medical history.
- tell your healthcare team if you refuse any treatment or medicine that your doctor has ordered for you.
- tell your health care team if you have medical problems, are going to the dentist, are being treated by another doctor, or have recently been to the hospital.
- pay your bills on time. If this is difficult you can inquire about a payment plan.
- get to and from the center for your treatments. You can talk with your social worker if you need help doing this. Medicare does not pay for routine transportation.
- indicate your refusal of an advance directive in writing.
- learn what an emergency is and what actions must be taken in emergency situations.

## **If referred for transplant, patients have the responsibility to;**

- take the necessary steps prior to receiving a transplant to aid your body in accepting the transplant.
- inform your doctor, transplant coordinator, transplant social worker, etc. about your medical history.