SIGNIFICANT NATIONWIDE BURDEN OF KIDNEY DISEASE

• More than 20 million Americans have kidney disease, which is the 9th leading cause of death in the United States.

• 200,000 of these Americans are children and adolescents, 15,000 of whom are reliant on dialysis or a kidney transplant to remain alive.

• 600,000+ Americans have kidney failure, known as end-stage renal disease (ESRD).

• 185,000+ Americans live with a kidney transplant and 100,000+ more are on the wait list.

• Kidney disease reduces quality of life and increases risk of early death.

• Nearly all patients with kidney failure are Medicare beneficiaries regardless of age, income, or disability.

• ESRD patients account for nearly 7% of Medicare costs but less than 1% of Medicare patients – a total of nearly $35 billion annually.

• Nearly one-third of Medicare expenditures involve patients diagnosed with kidney disease.