Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) means your kidneys are damaged and can’t filter blood the way they should. If you have diabetes or high blood pressure, you are at greater risk for kidney disease.

In Maryland, African Americans make up about one third of the population, of which, approximately 46,000 have kidney disease which can progress to kidney failure.

In the United States nearly...

- 1 in 8 African Americans have diagnosed diabetes.*
- 1/2 of African American adults have high blood pressure.***
- 1 in 6 African Americans have kidney disease.**

In 2014, kidney failure costs for African Americans were about $80,000 per person.

That is in addition to treating the causes of kidney failure, namely diabetes and high blood pressure.†


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