

# Diabetes and Kidney Fund

## GUIDELINES

### Overview

The St. Luke's Health Care Foundation, **Diabetes and Kidney Fund**, assists all eligible patients within the local community who have chronic kidney disease stage 3-advanced and/or diabetes. Patients will be eligible to apply for the Diabetes and Kidney Fund one (1) time every twelve months. The maximum dollar amount of assistance from the Diabetes and Kidney Fund to a patient will be \$250/year.

Assistance is currently available to assist with the following:

- Medication--prescription assistance. Paid directly to patient's pharmacy.
- Medical supplies related to kidney disease and/or diabetes. Paid directly to patient's medical supply store.
- Mobility aids (wheelchairs, etc.). Paid directly to patient's medical supply store.
- Transportation costs to and from medical appointments
  - Gasoline gift cards to out-of-town patients
  - Riders Club monies to local patients

Monies are not available for hospital or medical bills, physician's services, dialysis treatment costs or transplantation surgery. These expenses are usually covered by health insurance and/or governmental programs.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Patients must be followed by a nephrologist and/or endocrinologist in the local community.
- Applicants must demonstrate financial need on the patient application, which can be completed online or in person. Patient must be below 250% of the current poverty level to be approved, based upon dependents. Proof of financial need is required, such as a 1040 tax form.  
<http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/14poverty.cfm>
- Local community defined as residing in any of the following counties: Buchanan, Delaware, Jones, Cedar, Johnson, Iowa, Benton, and Linn.
- Patients must be alive at the time that the grant is issued. Financial assistance related to expenses or expenditures incurred prior to death will not be considered.