

Florida ^[1]

Dialysis Patients have been able to purchase secondary coverage through Medigap plans since October 2009.

The Florida State Legislature passed unanimously and Governor Charlie Crist signed legislation to allow patients with kidney failure to purchase Medigap policies beginning October 2009. Previously, this coverage was only offered to Medicare recipients in Florida over 65 years of age. After numerous letters sent by dialysis patients in Florida and along with kidney patient advocate Alonzo Mourning's help, the legislature acted to provide over 2,000 Florida kidney patients with access to secondary coverage they did not previously have.

The bill, named the *Alonzo Mourning Access to Care Act*, will help patients better afford the portion of their dialysis treatments not covered by traditional Medicare.

All Medigap plans offered in Florida must extend coverage to dialysis patients. If you are having any trouble trying to obtain a plan due to your status as an ESRD patient please let us know.

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Florida Dialysis Patient Resources

ESRD Network

[#7 The Florida ESRD Network](#) ^[3]
5201 W. Kennedy Boulevard Suite 900
Tampa, FL 33609
1-813-354-9111

State-Run Programs

[Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration](#) ^[4]
1-888-419-3456

- **Adult Programs:** The Medically Needy program can help pay for Medicaid-covered services.
- **Programs for Children:** Florida KidCare is the state's children's health insurance program for uninsured children under age 19.
- **Additional Programs:** Cover Florida provides affordable health insurance coverage for persons between ages of 19 and 64 who are without health insurance.

Health Reform Status:

Exchange: The federal government will run the health insurance exchange in Florida.

Medicaid: It is not know at this time whether the state will expand Medicaid eligibility.

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[4] <http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/Medicaid/index.shtml>