

**RE: Request for Garbage Fees to be Waived for Patients Receiving Home Dialysis Treatment**

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To Whom It May Concern:

We write to you today to advocate for patients living with advanced chronic kidney disease (CKD) within your municipality. The primary purpose of this letter is to request that dialysis patients receive an exemption for extra garbage removal fees.

A significant proportion of Canadians undergoing home dialysis treatment face substantial financial challenges related to loss of income. Many are managing on a low fixed income and are below the Canadian Low Income Cut off (LICO).

Home dialysis can generate additional waste per week. This extra waste is added to the regular family maximum garbage and often exceeds the limit per household. Families may choose to purchase additional waste disposal; however, due to the significant financial impact for our patients on a fixed income, this increase in cost can pose a financial challenge for some.

Knowing that many municipalities are working with the BC Government on a poverty reduction strategy, we write to you today for your consideration in waiving garbage fees for those patients on home dialysis treatment within your municipality.

Please feel free to contact us at [bcpra@bcpra.ca](mailto:bcpra@bcpra.ca) if you require further information.

Thank you for your consideration,



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