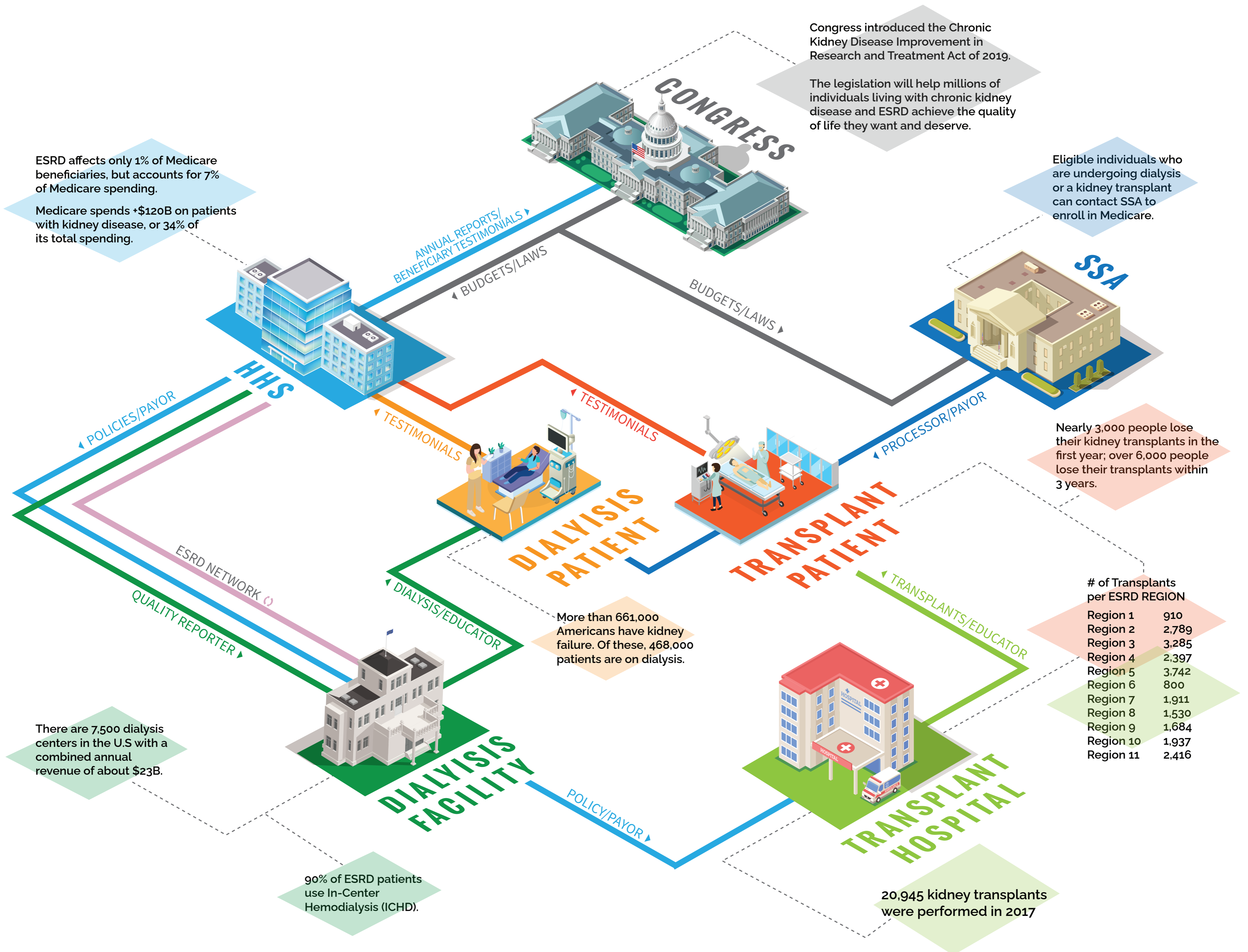


# ESRD ecosystem

## End Stage Renal Disease

More than 1 in 10 Americans (or 26 million) have ESRD and kidney disease is the 9th leading cause of death in the U.S. There are more than 95,000 patients in the U.S. who are on the kidney transplant lists. A patient is added to a transplant wait list every 14 minutes and the median wait time for a transplant is 6-8 months.



Congress is responsible for writing and approving ESRD-related laws and budgets via congressional sessions and hearings.

**GOALS**  
To improve the cost-effectiveness and quality of care for ESRD patients. To encourage kidney transplantation and dialysis.



Health & Human Services (HHS) enhances the well-being of all Americans and fosters advances in medicine, public health, and social services. CMS, HRSA, and CDC fall under HHS.

**GOALS**  
To ensure that all ESRD patients receive high-quality care and education.



The Social Security Administration (SSA) establishes programs to aid ESRD beneficiaries.

**GOALS**  
To provide for the financial needs of ESRD patients and their families.



Dialysis Facilities provide Hemodialysis or Peritoneal Dialysis treatment to ESRD patients.

**GOALS**  
To provide high-quality in-facility or in-home dialysis treatment to ESRD patients.



Transplant Hospitals/Centers are facilities that have a kidney transplant program.

**GOALS**  
To see through kidney transplants.



Dialysis Patients are individuals who receive in-home or in-facility dialysis treatment to replace kidney function.

**GOALS**  
To replace kidney function and sustain a normal way of life, or to seek a kidney transplant. To get on as many transplant lists as possible.



Transplant Patients are individuals who have received a kidney transplant or are in the Pre-Op stage of kidney transplant surgery.

**GOALS**  
To get on as many transplant lists as possible. To receive a new kidney in order to end dialysis treatment and to maintain optimal health.