



## When Altruism isn't Enough: The Case for Compensating Kidney Donors (Paperback)

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AEI Press, United States, 2009. Paperback. Condition: New. New.. Language: English . Brand New Book. America faces a desperate organ shortage. Today, more than 78,000 people are waiting for a kidney transplant; only one in four will receive one this year, while twelve die each day waiting for help. Not surprisingly, many patients are driven to desperate measures to circumvent the eight-year waiting list: renting billboards, advertising in newsletters, or even purchasing an organ on the global black market. Altruism is an admirable but clearly insufficient motivation for would-be donors. What can be done to solve the kidney crisis? Reward organ donors for their remarkable gifts. Noncash benefits to people who donate to a desperate stranger will motivate others to do the same, increase the national supply of kidneys, and reduce needless death and suffering. *When Altruism Isn't Enough: The Case for Compensating Kidney Donors* explores the key ethical, theoretical, and practical concerns of a government-regulated donor compensation program. It is the first book to describe how such a system could be designed to be ethically permissible, economically justifiable, and pragmatically achievable. Altruism is a beautiful virtue, but relying on it as the sole impetus for organ donation ensures that...



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