Acronyms

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<td>End Stage Renal Disease</td>
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<td>CKD</td>
<td>Chronic Kidney Disease</td>
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<td>CWF</td>
<td>Common Working File</td>
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<td>Prospective Payment System</td>
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<td>EGHP</td>
<td>Employer Group Health Plan</td>
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<td>Continuous Cycling Peritoneal Dialysis</td>
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Definition

- End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) occurs from the destruction of normal kidney tissues over a long period of time
  - Often no symptoms until kidney has lost more than half its function
  - Usually irreversible and permanent
  - Covered under Medicare Part B

- ESRD facilities must be certified by Medicare
  - Provides outpatient maintenance dialysis services, or home dialysis training and support services

Group Health Plan (GHP) Coverage

- If enrollment based solely on ESRD
  - GHP/employer coverage in only payer during first 3 months

- Medicare is secondary during 30-month coordination period
  - Begins when first eligible for Medicare even if not enrolled

- Separate coordination period each time enrolled based on ESRD
  - No 3-month waiting period
  - New 30-month coordination period if patient has GHP coverage
### Medicare Coverage for People With ESRD Begins

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<td>1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; day of the 4&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; month</td>
<td>Of a regular course of hemodialysis in a facility</td>
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<td>You get a kidney transplant</td>
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<td>You’re admitted to a Medicare-approved transplant facility for a kidney transplant or procedures preliminary to a kidney transplant if transplant takes place in the same month or within the following 2 months</td>
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<td>2 months before the month of your transplant</td>
<td>If your transplant is delayed more than 2 months after you’re admitted to the hospital for the transplant or for health care services you need for the transplant</td>
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### When Coverage for ESRD Ends, Continues, or Resumes

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| When Coverage Ends | Entitlement based solely on ESRD  
- Coverage ends 12 months after the month you no longer require a regular course of dialysis or  
- 36 months after the month of your kidney transplant |
| When Coverage Continues |  
- No interruption in coverage if you resume regular course of dialysis within 12 months after regular dialysis stopped or  
- You have a kidney transplant or  
- Regular course of dialysis starts within 36 months after transplant or you received another kidney transplant within 36 months after transplant |
| When Coverage Resumes | Must file new application and there is no waiting period if  
- You start a regular course of dialysis again or get a kidney transplant more than 12 months after you stopped getting a regular course of dialysis  
- You have another kidney transplant > 36 months later |
What Medicare Covers

- All services covered by Original Medicare
  - Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance)
  - Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance)

- Special services for ESRD (dialysis and transplant patients)
  - Immunosuppressive drugs
    - Under certain conditions
  - Other special services

Covered Dialysis Services

- Paid under Part A
  - Inpatient dialysis treatments

- Paid under Part B
  - Facility dialysis treatments
  - Home dialysis training
  - Self-dialysis training
  - Home dialysis equipment and supplies
  - Some support services and drugs for home dialysis
Home Dialysis

- Two types can be done at home
  - Hemodialysis
  - Peritoneal dialysis

- Most common drugs covered by Medicare
  - Heparin to slow blood clotting
  - Drug to help clotting when necessary
  - Topical anesthetics
  - Epoetin alfa for anemia management

Home Dialysis Training

- Educate ESRD patients and caregivers to perform self-dialysis in the ESRD facility or home dialysis

- Maximum of 25 training sessions for hemodialysis

- Maximum of 15 sessions for CCPD and CAPD

- 4 weeks Intermittent Peritoneal Dialysis Training (IPD)
  - Usually 10–12 hour sessions
Part A Transplant Coverage

- Inpatient services
  - Must be in a Medicare-approved transplant center

- Transplant (living or cadaver donor)
  - All medically necessary care related to a donation for a living donor
  - Preparation for transplant

- The Organ Procurement and Transplant Network registry fee

- Laboratory tests

Part B Transplant Coverage

- Surgeon’s services for patient and donor
  - No deductible for donor

- Immunosuppressive drug therapy
  - After transplant under certain conditions
Services Not Covered

- Paid dialysis aides
- Lost pay
- Place to stay during treatment
- Blood for home dialysis
  - Unless part of doctor’s service or needed to prime the dialysis equipment
- Transportation to dialysis facility
  - Except in special cases

ESRD PPS

- The ESRD PPS provides a single payment to ESRD facilities that will cover all of the resources used in furnishing an outpatient dialysis treatment, including supplies and equipment used to administer dialysis (in the ESRD facility or at a patient’s home), drugs, biologicals, laboratory tests, training, and support services
- Other providers and suppliers must look to the ESRD facility for payment
ESRD PPS 2015 Base Rate

- ESRD PPS base rate for 2015 is $239.43
  - Payment made on a per treatment basis

Subject to payment adjustments
- Wage levels among areas ESRD facilities are located
- Patient-level adjustments for case mix
- Outlier adjustment (if applicable)
- Facility-level adjustment
- Training adjustment

Coinsurance
- 20% of total ESRD PPS payment, after the deductible

ESRD PPS Exemptions

- These services are exempt from the ESRD PPS and will be paid based on existing payment methodologies:
  - Telehealth services
  - Preventive services
  - Blood and blood services
  - Physician services
ESRD PPS

- In-facility treatments paid up to 3 treatments per week

- Patients treated at home receive payment for 3 hemodialysis (HD) equivalent treatments per week
  - Additional treatments may be considered with medical justification

- In-facility or home, paid for:
  - A maximum of 13 treatments during a 30 day month
  - Up to 14 treatments during a 31 day month

InSite

- Free secure self-service web application which provides access to real-time information

- Available on Cahaba’s website

- Information available:
  - Beneficiary eligibility
  - Claim Status
  - Financial Data
  - Provider Demographics
  - Audit and Reimbursement Document Submission
Resources

› CMS Internet Only Manual, Publication 100–04, Chapter 8

› MLN Matters® Number: MM7064

› End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Center
  https://www.cms.gov/Center/Special-Topic/End-Stage-Renal-Disease–ESRD–Center.html

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