

# Dialysis Specialty Training

Health First Colorado  
(Colorado's Medicaid Program)

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# Introduction

- Dialysis refers to providers who supply equipment and train members for dialysis treatment.
- Health First Colorado provides hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis benefits to eligible members in outpatient, state-approved freestanding dialysis treatment centers and the home setting.
- Out of state providers are not eligible for reimbursement.

# Covered Services

## Home-based Services

- Home-based dialysis treatment should be either hemodialysis or peritoneal. Home-based treatment is preferred when most cost-effective.
- Non-routine services should be billed and reimbursed under a separate professional claim.
- A list of routine drugs and laboratory services can be found in the [Dialysis Billing Manual](#).
- Delivery, installation, and maintenance of equipment for home treatment is a covered benefit.

# Covered Services

## Inpatient Hospital Stay

- Dialysis (hemodialysis) may be provided as part of required inpatient hospital treatment and included in the hospital inpatient claim. Hospital admissions solely for hemodialysis are not a Health First Colorado benefit. Do not submit a separate institutional claim for dialysis only.
- Hospitalization will be required in these cases:
  - For an acute medical condition requiring hemodialysis treatment
  - For a covered medical condition, and the member receives regular maintenance outpatient hemodialysis treatment
  - Placement or repair of the hemodialysis route (shunt or cannula)

# Covered Services

## State-Approved Outpatient Treatment Center

- Dialysis may be provided for members in state-approved outpatient treatment facilities on a case-by-case basis.

# Covered Services

## Emergency Medicaid & End-Stage Renal Dialysis (ESRD)

- End-stage renal dialysis (ESRD) is considered an Emergency Medical Condition. Members may receive immediate dialysis as required for end-stage renal dialysis.
- Members receiving Emergency Medicaid services need to reapply every month.

# Covered Services

## Home Dialysis for Recipients of Emergency Medicaid Services with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)

- Effective January 1, 2022, home dialysis will be a covered benefit for recipients of Emergency Medicaid Services (EMS) with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD).
- Providers must certify the presence of an emergency medical condition and indicate on claim forms that services are for a medical emergency to receive reimbursement.
- Coverage is limited to care and services that are necessary to treat the immediate emergency medical conditions and does not include prenatal care or follow-up care.



# Billing

- Submit claims using the institutional (UB-04) claim.
- Non-routine: professional (CMS 1500) claim.

# Resources

## Provider Contacts Web Page

<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/provider-help>

- Provider Services Call Center

## Training Web Page

<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/provider-training>

## Billing Manuals Web Page

<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/billing-manuals>

- [Dialysis Billing Manual](#)
- Appendix R (for a detailed list of Explanation of Benefits (EOB) codes)
- [General Provider Billing Manual](#)

# Resources

## **Main Fee Schedule**

[Health First Colorado Fee Schedule](#)

[Dialysis Fee Schedule](#)

## **Quick Guides web page**

<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/interchange-resources>

- [Copy, Adjust, or Void a Claim - Provider Web Portal Quick Guide](#)
- [Reading the Remittance Advice \(RA\) - Provider Web Portal Quick Guides](#)

# Thank you!