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Kidney Center Services Billing Guide

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About this guide[1]

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Refer also to HCA's ProviderOne billing and resource guide for valuable information to help you conduct business with the Health Care Authority.

How can I get HCA Apple Health provider documents?

To access providers alerts, go to HCA's provider alerts webpage.

To access provider documents, go to HCA's provider billing guides and fee schedules webpage.

Health care privacy toolkit

The Washington State Confidentiality Toolkit **for Providers** is a resource for providers required to comply with health care privacy laws.

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[1] This publication is a billing instruction.

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What has changed?

The table below briefly outlines how this publication differs from the previous one. This table is organized by subject matter. Each item in the *Subject* column is a hyperlink that, when clicked, will take you to the specific change summarized in that row of the table.

Subject	Change	Reason for Change
Client Eligibility	Added information regarding the services available through the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit.	To provide information about EPSDT services and accessibility.

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Definitions

This section defines terms and abbreviations, including acronyms, used in this billing guide. Refer to **chapter 182-500 WAC** for a complete list of definitions for Washington Apple Health.

Affiliate - A facility, hospital, unit, business, or person having an agreement with a kidney center to provide specified services to ESRD patients.

Agreement - A written document executed between an ESRD facility and another facility in which the other facility agrees to assume responsibility for furnishing specified services to patients and for obtaining payment for those services.

Back-Up Dialysis - Dialysis given to patients under special circumstances in a situation other than the patients' usual dialysis environment. Examples are:

- Dialysis of a home dialysis patient in a dialysis facility when patient's equipment fails.
- In-hospital dialysis when the patient's illness requires more comprehensive care on an inpatient basis.
- Pre- and post-operative dialysis provided to transplant patients.

Composite Rate - This refers to a payment method in which all standard equipment, supplies, and services are calculated into a blended rate. All in-facility dialysis treatments and all home dialysis treatments are billed under the composite rate system.

Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD) - A type of dialysis where the patient's peritoneal membrane is used as the dialyzer. The patient dialyzes at home, using special supplies, but without the need for a machine (see Peritoneal Dialysis).

Continuous Cycling Peritoneal Dialysis (CCPD) - A type of peritoneal dialysis where the patient dialyzes at home and utilizes an automated peritoneal cycler for delivering dialysis.

Dialysate - An electrolyte solution, containing elements such as potassium, sodium chloride, etc., surrounding the membrane or fibers and allowing exchange of substances with the patient's blood in the dialyzer.

Dialysis - A process by which dissolved substances are removed from a patient's body by diffusion from one fluid compartment to another across a semipermeable membrane.

Dialysis Session - The period of time beginning when the patient arrives at the facility and ending when the patient departs from the facility. In the case of home dialysis, the time period beginning when the patient prepares for dialysis and ending when the patient is disconnected from the machine.

Dialyzer - Synthetic porous membrane or fibers, contained in a supporting structure, through which blood flows for the purpose of eliminating harmful substances and replacing with useful ones.

End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) - The stage of renal impairment that is irreversible and permanent, and requires dialysis or kidney transplantation to ameliorate uremic symptoms and maintain life.

Epoetin Alpha (EPO) - An injectable drug that is a biologically engineered protein that stimulates the bone marrow to make new red blood cells.

Free-Standing Kidney Center - A limited care facility, not operated by a hospital, certified by the federal government to provide ESRD services.

Hemodialysis - A method of dialysis in which blood from a patient's body is circulated through an external device or machine and then returned to the patient's bloodstream. Hemodialysis is usually done in a kidney center or facility. It can be done at home with a trained helper.

Home Dialysis - Refers to any dialysis performed at home.

Home Dialysis Helper - A person trained to assist the client in home dialysis.

In-Facility Dialysis - For the purpose of this guide only, in-facility dialysis is dialysis of any type performed on the premises of the kidney center or other free-standing ESRD facility.

Intermittent Peritoneal Dialysis (IPD) - A type of peritoneal dialysis in which dialysis solution is infused into the peritoneal cavity, allowed to remain there for a period of time, and then drained out. IPD is usually done in a kidney center or facility. It can be done at home with a trained home dialysis helper.

Kidney Center - A facility as defined and certified by the federal government to:

- Provide ESRD services.
- Provide the services specified in this chapter.
- Promote and encourage home dialysis for a client when medically indicated.

Maintenance Dialysis - The usual periodic dialysis treatments given to a patient who has ESRD.

Peritoneal Dialysis - A procedure that introduces dialysate into the abdominal cavity to remove waste products through the peritoneum. Three forms of peritoneal dialysis are: Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis, Continuous Cycling Peritoneal Dialysis, and Intermittent Peritoneal Dialysis.

Self-Dialysis Unit - A unit in a free-standing kidney center where dialysis is performed by an ESRD

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About the Program

What is the purpose of the Kidney Center Services program?

The purpose of the Kidney Center Services program is to assist low-income residents with the cost of treatment for end-stage renal disease (ESRD).

What are the provider requirements?

To receive payment from HCA for providing care to eligible clients, a kidney center must:

- Be a Medicare-certified ESRD facility
- Have a signed Core Provider Agreement (CPA) with HCA and meet the requirements in chapter 182-502 WAC Administration of Medical Programs-Providers. Visit the Provider Enrollment website for further information on the CPA.
- Provide only those services that are within the scope of their provider's license
- Provide services, either directly or through an affiliate, all physical facilities, professional consultation, personal instructions, medical treatment, care, and all supplies necessary for carrying out a medically-sound ESRD treatment program. Services include:
    - Dialysis for clients with ESRD
    - Kidney transplant treatment for ESRD clients when medically indicated
    - Treatment for conditions directly related to ESRD
    - Training and supervision of supporting personnel and clients for home dialysis, medical care, and treatment
    - Supplies and equipment for home dialysis

Is it required that clients be notified of their rights (Advance Directives)?

Yes. All Medicare/Medicaid-certified hospitals, nursing facilities, home health agencies, personal care service agencies, hospices, and managed health care organizations are federally mandated to give **all adult clients** written information about their rights, under state law, to make their own health care decisions.

Clients have the right to:

- Accept or refuse medical treatment
- Make decisions concerning their own medical care
- Formulate an advance directive, such as a living will or durable power of attorney, for their health care

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Client Eligibility

Most Apple Health clients are enrolled in an HCA-contracted managed care organization (MCO). This means that Apple Health pays a monthly premium to an MCO for providing preventative, primary, specialty, and other health services to Apple Health clients. Clients in managed care must see only providers who are in their MCO's provider network, unless prior authorized or to treat urgent or emergent care. See HCA's Apple Health managed care page for further details.

It is important to always check a client's eligibility prior to providing any services because it affects who will pay for the services.

How do I verify a client's eligibility?

Check the client's Services Card or follow the two-step process below to verify that a client has Apple Health coverage for the date of service and that the client's benefit package covers the applicable service. This helps prevent delivering a service HCA will not pay for.

Verifying eligibility is a two-step process:

Step 1. **Verify the patient's eligibility for Apple Health**. For detailed instructions on verifying a patient's eligibility for Apple Health, see the *Client Eligibility, Benefit Packages, and Coverage Limits* section in HCA's ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide.

If the patient is eligible for Apple Health, proceed to **Step 2**. If the patient is **not** eligible, see the note box below.

Step 2. **Verify service coverage under the Apple Health client's benefit package**. To determine if the requested service is a covered benefit under the Apple Health client's benefit package, see HCA's Program Benefit Packages and Scope of Services webpage.

Note: Patients who are not Apple Health clients may apply for health care coverage in one of the following ways:

- **Online**: Go to Washington Healthplanfinder - select the "Let's Get Started" button. For patients age 65 and older, or on Medicare, go to Washington Connections – select the "Apply Now" button.
- **Mobile app:** Download the WAPlanfinder app – select "sign in" or "create an account".

- **Phone**: Call the Washington Healthplanfinder Customer Support Center at 1-855-923-4633 or 855-627-9604 (TTY).
- **Paper**: By completing an *Application for Health Care Coverage (HCA 18-001P)* form. To download an HCA form, see HCA's Free or Low Cost Health Care, **Forms & Publications** webpage. Type only the form number into the Search box (Example: **18-001P**). For patients age 65 and older, or on Medicare, complete the *Washington Apple Health Application for Age, Blind, Disabled/Long-Term Services and Supports (HCA 18-005)* form.
- **In-person**: Local resources who, at no additional cost, can help you apply for health coverage. See the **Health Benefit Exchange Navigator**.

Are clients enrolled in an HCA-contracted managed care organization (MCO) eligible?

Yes. Most Apple Health clients are enrolled in one of HCA's contracted managed care organizations (MCO). For these clients, managed care enrollment will be displayed on the client benefit inquiry screen in ProviderOne.

All medical services covered under an HCA-contracted MCO must be obtained by the client through designated facilities or providers. The MCO is responsible for:

- Payment of covered services
- Payment of services referred by a provider participating with the plan to an outside provider

Note: A client's enrollment can change monthly. Providers who are not contracted with the MCO must receive approval from both the MCO and the client's primary care provider (PCP) prior to serving a managed care client.

Send claims to the client's MCO for payment. Call the client's MCO to discuss payment prior to providing the service. Providers may bill clients only in very limited situations as described in **WAC 182-502-0160**.

Managed care enrollment

Most Apple Health clients are enrolled in an HCA-contracted MCO the same month they are determined eligible for managed care as a new or renewing client. Some clients may start their first month of eligibility in the FFS program because their qualification for MC enrollment is not established until the month following their Apple Health eligibility determination. **Exception:** Apple Health Expansion clients are enrolled in managed care and will not start their first month of eligibility in the FFS program. For more information, visit Apple Health

Expansion. Providers must check eligibility to determine enrollment for the month of service.

New clients are those initially applying for benefits or those with changes in their existing eligibility program that consequently make them eligible for Apple Health managed care. Renewing clients are those who have been enrolled with an MCO but have had a break in enrollment and have subsequently renewed their eligibility.

Checking eligibility

- Providers must check eligibility and know when a client is enrolled and with which MCO. For help with enrolling, clients can refer to HCA's **Apply for or renew coverage webpage**.

Clients' options to change plans

Clients have a variety of options to change their plan:

- **Available to clients with a Washington Healthplanfinder account**:

  Go to **Washington HealthPlanFinder website**.

- **Available to all Apple Health clients:**
  - Visit the **ProviderOne Client Portal website**:
  - Request a change online at **ProviderOne Contact Us** (this will generate an email to Apple Health Customer Service). Select the topic "Enroll/Change Health Plans."
  - Call Apple Health Customer Service at 1-800-562-3022. The automated system is available 24/7.

For online information, direct clients to HCA's **Apple Health Managed Care** webpage.

Clients who are not enrolled in an HCA-contracted managed care plan for physical health services

Some Apple Health clients do not meet the qualifications for managed care enrollment or have the option to enroll in fee-for-service. These clients are eligible for physical health services under the fee-for-service program.

In this situation, each managed care organization (MCO) will have a Behavioral Health Services Only (BHSO) benefit available for Apple Health clients who are not in integrated managed care. The BHSO covers only behavioral health treatment for those clients. Eligible clients who are not enrolled in an integrated HCA-contracted managed care plan are automatically enrolled in a BHSO except for American Indian/Alaska Native clients. If the client receives Medicaid-covered services before being automatically enrolled in a BHSO, the fee-for-service program will reimburse providers for the covered services. Examples of populations that may be exempt from enrolling into an integrated managed care plan are Medicare dual-eligible, American Indian/Alaska Native, Adoption Support and Foster Care Alumni.

Integrated managed care

Clients qualified for enrollment in an integrated managed care plan receive all physical health services, mental health services, and substance use disorder treatment through their HCA-contracted managed care organization (MCO).

Integrated Apple Health Foster Care (AHFC)

Children and young adults in the Foster Care, Adoption Support and Alumni programs who are enrolled in Coordinated Care's CCW) Apple Health Core Connections Foster Care program receive both medical and behavioral health services from CCW.

Clients under this program are:

- Age 17 and younger who are in foster care (out of home placement) or in the Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) program
- Age 20 and younger who are receiving adoption support
- Age 18-21 years old in extended foster care
- Age 18 to 26 years old who aged out of foster care on or after their 18th birthday (alumni)

> These clients are identified in ProviderOne as "**Coordinated Care Healthy Options Foster Care**."

The Apple Health Customer Services team can answer general questions about this program. For specific questions about Adoption Support, Foster Care or Alumni clients, contact HCA's Foster Care and Adoption Support (FCAS) team at 1-800-562-3022, Ext. 15480.

Apple Health Expansion

Individuals age 19 and older who do not meet the citizenship or immigration requirements to receive benefits under federally funded programs and who receive all physical health services, mental health services, and substance use disorder treatment through their HCA-contracted health plan. For more information, visit Apple Health Expansion.

Fee-for-service Apple Health Foster Care

Children and young adults in the fee-for-service Apple Health Foster Care, Adoption Support and Alumni programs receive behavioral health services through the regional Behavioral Health Services Organization (BHSO). For details, see HCA's **Mental Health Services Billing Guide,** under *How do providers identify the correct payer*?

American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Clients

American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) clients have two options for Apple Health coverage:

- Apple Health Managed Care
- Apple Health coverage without a managed care plan (also referred to as fee-for-service [FFS])

If an AI/AN client does not choose a managed care plan, they will be automatically enrolled into Apple Health FFS for all their health care services, including comprehensive behavioral health services. See the Health Care Authority's (HCA) **American Indian/Alaska Native webpage**.

Early periodic, screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT)

Early periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) includes all services that are medically necessary to address health conditions for clients age 20 and younger. Providers may reference program-specific billing guides for services and equipment not covered by this billing guide and must follow the rules for the EPSDT program described in **chapter 182-534 WAC**. Published limits for services covered under EPSDT, if any, may be exceeded based on agency review of medical necessity described in **WAC 182-501-0165**.

What if a client has third-party liability (TPL)?

If the client has third-party liability (TPL) coverage (excluding Medicare), prior authorization must be obtained before providing any service requiring prior authorization. For more information on TPL, refer to HCA's **ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide**.

Coverage

What is not covered?

HCA does not cover services provided in a kidney center, such as:

- Blood and blood products (see WAC 182-540-190).
- Personal care items such as slippers, toothbrushes, etc.
- Immunizations (see the EPSDT Well-Child Program Billing Guide and the Physician-Related Services/Health Care Professional Services Billing Guide)
- Additional staff time or personnel costs. Staff time is paid through the composite rate. Exception: Staff time for home dialysis helpers is the only personnel cost paid outside the composite rate (see WAC 182-540-160).

HCA or its designee reviews all initial requests for noncovered services based on WAC 182-501-0160.

What is covered?

- HCA covers and pays for only the blood bank service charge for processing blood and blood products (see WAC 182-550-6500).
- HCA covers services including all the following:
  - In-facility dialysis
  - Home dialysis
  - Self-dialysis training
  - Home dialysis helpers
  - Dialysis supplies
  - Diagnostic lab work
  - Treatment for anemia
  - Intravenous drugs

> **Note**: Home dialysis helpers may assist a client living in the client's home or in a skilled nursing facility (when the skilled nursing facility is their home) with home dialysis.

- Covered services are subject to the restrictions and limitations in this guide and applicable WAC as specified by HCA. Providers must obtain a limitation extension (LE) before providing services that exceed specified limits in quantity, frequency, or duration. See Authorization for specifics on the LE process.

What types of service are covered by other HCA programs?

Other HCA programs cover the following services:

- Take Home Drugs – Take home drugs (outpatient prescription drugs not being administered in the provider's office) must be supplied and billed by a pharmacy, subject to pharmacy pricing methodology outlined in HCA's current Prescription Drug Program Billing Guide.
- Medical Nutrition – Only pharmacies or other medical nutrition providers may supply supplemental food products. Bill for medical nutrition services using HCA's current Enteral Nutrition Billing Guide.

What HCPCS codes for blood processing are used in outpatient blood transfusions?

The codes listed below must be used to represent costs for:

- Blood processing and other fees assessed by nonprofit blood centers that do not charge for the blood and blood products themselves.
- Costs incurred by a center to administer its in-house blood procurement program. However, these costs must not include any staff time used to administer blood.

Tables

HCPCS Code	Short Descriptions
P9010	Whole blood for transfusion
P9011	Blood split unit
P9012	Cryoprecipitate each unit
P9016	Rbc leukocytes reduced
P9017	Fresh frozen plasma (single donor), each unit
P9019	Platelets, each unit
P9020	Platelet rich plasma unit
P9021	Red blood cells unit
P9022	Washed red blood cells unit
P9023	Frozen plasma, pooled, sd

HCPCS Code	Short Descriptions
P9031	Platelets leukocytes reduced
P9032	Platelets, irradiated
P9033	Platelets leukoreduced irrad
P9034	Platelets, pheresis
P9035	Platelet pheres leukoreduced
P9036	Platelet pheresis irradiated
P9037	Plate pheres leukoredu irrad
P9038	Rbc irradiated
P9039	Rbc deglycerolized
P9040	Rbc leukoreduced irradiated
P9041	Albumin (human), 5%, 50 ml
P9043	Plasma protein fract, 5%, 50 ml
P9044	Cryoprecipitatereducedplasma
P9045	Albumin (human), 5%, 250 ml
P9046	Albumin (human), 25%, 20 ml
P9047	Albumin (human), 25%, 50 ml
P9048	Plasmaprotein fract, 5%, 250 ml
P9050	Granulocytes, pheresis unit
P9054	Blood, l/r, froz/degly/wash
P9055	Plt, aph/pher, l/r, cmv-neg
P9056	Blood, l/r, irradiated
P9057	Rbc, frz/deg/wsh, l/r, irrad
P9058	Rbc, l/r, cmv-neg, irrad

HCPCS Code	Short Descriptions
P9059	Plasma, frz between 8-24 hour
P9060	Fr frz plasma donor retested

Revenue codes

Medical/surgical supplies and devices (Requires specific identification using a HCPCS code)

Revenue Code	HCPCS Code	Short Description
0270		Medical/surgical supplies and devices
0270	A4657	Syringe w/wo needle
0270	A4750	Art or venous blood tubing
0270	A4913	Misc dialysis supplies noc

Note: To receive payment for **revenue code 0270,** the HCPCS code of the specific supply given must be indicated in the Procedure Code field of the institutional claim. Payment is limited to **those supplies listed above**.

Laboratory

Revenue Code	Short Description	Policy/Comments
0300	Laboratory, General Classification	*Not part of the composite rate or **Beyond normal frequency covered
0303	Laboratory, renal patient (home)	
0304	Laboratory, non-routine dialysis	

Note: To receive payment for **revenue code 0300**, the following modifiers must be used:

- *CB - Service ordered by a renal dialysis facility (RDF) physician as part of the ESRD beneficiary's dialysis benefit, is not part of the composite rate, and is separately reimbursable.

- **CE - AMCC test has been ordered by an ESRD facility or MCP physician that is a composite rate test but is beyond the normal frequency covered under the rate and is separately reimbursable based on medical necessity.

Drugs

Note: Providers must use the correct 11-digit National Drug Code (NDC) when billing HCA for drugs administered to eligible clients in kidney centers.

Epoetin Alpha (EPO)

Revenue Code	HCPCS Code	Short Description	Policy/Comments
0634		Erythropoietin (EPO) less than 10,000 units	
0634	Q4081	Epoetin alfa, 100 units ESRD	100 units
0635		Erythropoietin (EPO) 10,000 or more units	

Note: When billing with revenue codes 0634 and 0635, each billing unit reported on the claim form represents 100 units of EPO given.

Other drugs requiring specific identification

Note: To receive payment for **revenue code 0636**, the HCPCS code of the specific drug given must be indicated in the *Procedure Code* field of the institutional claim. Payment is limited to the **drugs listed below**.

When administering drugs with revenue code 0636, providers must bill the number of units based on the description of the drug code.

Revenue Code	HCPCS Code	Short Descriptions		Policy/Comments
0636	J0280	Aminophyllin 250 mg inj	250 mg	
0636	J0285	Amphotericin B	50 mg	
0636	J0290	Ampicillin 500 mg inj	500 mg	
0636	J0295	Ampicillin sodium per 1.5 gm	1.5 g	
0636	J0360	Hydralazine hcl injection	20 mg	
0636	J0604	Cinacalcet	1 mg	PA required
0636	J0606	Etelcalcetide, injection	0.1 mg	PA required
0636	J0610	Calcium gluconate injection	10 ml	
0636	J0630	Calcitonin salmon injection	400 u	
0636	J0636	Inj calcitriol per 0.1 mcg	0.1 mcg	
0636	J0640	Leucovorin calcium injection	50 mg	
0636	J0690	Cefazolin sodium injection	500 mg	
0636	J0692	Cefepime HCl for injection	500 mg	
0636	J0694	Cefoxitin sodium injection	1 gm	
0636	J0696	Ceftriaxone sodium injection	250 mg	
0636	J0697	Sterile cefuroxime injection	750 mg	
0636	J0698	Cefotaxime sodium injection	per g	

Revenue Code	HCPCS Code	Short Descriptions		Policy/Comments
0636	J0702	Betamethasone acet&sod phosp	3 mg	
0636	J0710	Cephapirin sodium injection	1gm	
0636	J0713	Inj ceftazidime per 500 mg	500 mg	
0636	J0743	Cilastatin sodium injection	per 250 mg	
0636	J0780	Prochlorperazine injection	10 mg	
0636	J0878	Daptomycin injection	1 mg	
0636	J0882	Darbepoetin alfa, esrd use	1 mcg	
0636	J0887	Epoetin beta injection	1 mcg	
0636	J0895	Deferoxamine mesylate inj	500 mg	
0636	J0970	Estradiol valerate injection	40 mg	
0636	J1094	Inj dexamethasone acetate	1 mg	
0636	J1160	Digoxin injection	0.5 mg	
0636	J1165	Phenytoin sodium injection	50 mg	
0636	J1170	Hydromorphone injection	4 mg	
0636	J1200	Diphenhydramine hcl injection	50 mg	
0636	J1240	Dimenhydrinate injection	50 mg	
0636	J1270	Injection, doxercalciferol	1 mcg	
0636	J1335	Ertapenem injection	500 mg	
0636	J1580	Garamycin gentamicin inj	80 mg	
0636	J1630	Haloperidol injection	5 mg	
0636	J1631	Haloperidol decanoate inj	50 mg	
0636	J1645	Dalteparin sodium	2500 IU	

Revenue Code	HCPCS Code	Short Descriptions		Policy/Comments
0636	J1720	Hydrocortisone sodium succ i	100 mg	
0636	J1750	Inj iron dextran	50 mg	
0636	J1756	Iron sucrose injection	1 mg	
0636	J1790	Droperidol injection	5 mg	
0636	J1800	Propranolol injection	1 mg	
0636	J1840	Kanamycin sulfate 500 mg inj	500 mg	
0636	J1885	Ketorolac tromethamine inj	15 mg	
0636	J1890	Cephalothin sodium injection	1 gm	
0636	J1940	Furosemide injection	20 mg	
0636	J1955	Inj levocarnitine per 1 gm	1 gm	
0636	J1956	Levofloxacin injection	250 mg	
0636	J1990	Chlordiazepoxide injection	100 mg	
0636	J2001	Lidocaine injection	10 mg	
0636	J2060	Lorazepam injection	2 mg	
0636	J2150	Mannitol injection	50 ml	
0636	J2175	Meperidine hydrochl /100 mg	100 mg	
0636	J2185	Meropenem	100 mg	
0636	J2270	Morphine sulfate injection	10 mg	
0636	J2320	Nandrolone decanoate 50 mg	50 mg	
0636	J2405	Ondansetron hydrochloride inj		Dosage may vary
0636	J2501	Paricalcitol	1 mcg	

Revenue Code	HCPCS Code	Short Descriptions		Policy/Comments
0636	J2510	Penicillin g procaine inj	600,000u	
0636	J2540	Penicillin g potassium inj	600,000u	
0636	J2550	Promethazine hcl injection	50 mg	
0636	J2560	Phenobarbital sodium inj	120 mg	
0636	J2690	Procainamide hcl injection	1 gm	
0636	J2700	Oxacillin sodium injection	250 mg	
0636	J2720	Inj protamine sulfate/10 mg	10 mg	
0636	J2765	Metoclopramide hcl injection	10 mg	
0636	J2800	Methocarbamol injection	10 ml	
0636	J2916	Na ferric gluconate complex	12.5 mg	
0636	J2920	Methylprednisolone injection	40 mg	
0636	J2930	Methylprednisolone injection	125 mg	
0636	J2995	Inj streptokinase /250000 IU	250,000 IU	
0636	J2997	Alteplase recombinant	1 mg	
0636	J3000	Streptomycin injection	1 gm	
0636	J3010	Fentanyl citrate injection	0.1 mg	
0636	J3070	Pentazocine injection	30 mg	
0636	J3230	Chlorpromazine hcl injection	50 mg	
0636	J3250	Trimethobenzamide hcl inj	200 mg	
0636	J3260	Tobramycin sulfate injection	80 mg	
0636	J3280	Thiethylperazine maleate inj	10 mg	
0636	J3301	Triamcinolone acet inj NOS	10 mg	
0636	J3360	Diazepam injection	5 mg	

Revenue Code	HCPCS Code	Short Descriptions		Policy/Comments
0636	J3364	Urokinase 5000 IU injection	5,000 IU vial	
0636	J3365	Urokinase 250,000 IU inj	250,000 IU vial	
0636	J3370	Vancomycin hcl injection	500 mg	
0636	J3410	Hydroxyzine hcl injection	25 mg	
0636	J3420	Vitamin b12 injection	1,000 mcg	
0636	J3430	Vitamin k phytonadione inj	1mg	
0636	J7500	Azathioprine oral 50 mg	50 mg	
0636	J7502	Cyclosporine oral 100 mg	100 mg	
0636	J7503	Tacrol envarsus ex rel oral	0.25 mg	PA required when Medicaid primary
0636	J7504	Lymphocyte immune globulin	250 mg	PA required
0636	J7507	Tacrolimus imme rel oral 1mg	per 1 mg	
0636	J7508	Tacrol astagraf ex rel oral	0.1 mg	
0636	J7510	Prednisolone oral per 5 mg	5 mg	PA required when Medicaid primary
0636	J7512	Prednisone ir or dr oral 1mg	1 mg	
0636	J7515	Cyclosporine oral 25 mg	25 mg	
0636	J7517	Mycophenolate mofetil oral	250 mg	
0636	J7518	Mycophenolic acid	180 mg	
0636	J7520	Sirolimus, oral	1 mg	
0636	J7527	Oral everolimus	0.25 mg	
0636	J3490	Drugs unclassified injection		PA required

Revenue Code	HCPCS Code	Short Descriptions		Policy/Comments
	Q2037	Fluvirin vacc, 3 yrs & >, im		
	Q2038	Fluvirin vacc, 3 yrs & >, im		

Note: The National Drug Code (NDC) number and dosage given to the client must be included in the Claim Note section of the claim when billing unlisted drug HCPCS code J3490. See "Drugs Billed Under Miscellaneous Codes J3490, J3590, J9999 or C9399– Prior Authorization Coverage Information."

EKG/ECG (Electrocardiogram) - Technical portion only

Revenue Code	CPT® Code	Short Description
0730		General classification
	93005	Electrocardiogram tracing

Hemodialysis – Outpatient or home

Revenue Code	CPT® Code	Short Description	Policy/Comments
0821	90999	Hemodialysis/composite rate.	Limited to 14 per client, per month. (**Do not bill in combination with 0831, 0841, or 0851.**) See EPA criteria for greater than 14 in-center hemodialysis treatments per month
0825		Support Services	(Home Helper)

Intermittent Peritoneal Dialysis – Outpatient or Home

Revenue Code	Short Description	Policy/Comments
0831	Peritoneal dialysis/Composite Rate.	Limited to 14 per client, per month. (**Do not bill in combination with 0821, 0841, or 0851.**)
0835	Support Services	(Home Helper)

Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD) - Outpatient or Home

Revenue Code	Short Description	Policy/Comments
0841	CAPD/Composite Rate.	Limited to 31 per client, per month. (**Do not bill in combination with 0821, 0831, or 0851**.)
0845	Support Services	(Home Helper)
0851	Continuous cycling peritoneal dialysis/Composite Rate.	Limited to 31 per client, per month. (**Do not bill in combination with 0821, 0831, or 0841.**)
0855	Support Services	(Home Helper)

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Authorization

What is expedited prior authorization (EPA)?

EPA is designed to eliminate the need for written authorization. HCA establishes authorization criteria and identifies the criteria with specific codes, enabling providers to create an EPA number using those codes.

To bill HCA for diagnostic conditions, procedures, and services that meet the EPA criteria, the provider must **create a 9-digit EPA number**. The first five or six digits of the EPA number must be **87000 or 870000**. The last three or four digits must be the code assigned to the diagnostic condition, procedure, or service that meets the EPA criteria. Enter the EPA number on the billing form in the authorization number field, or in the **Authorization** or **Comments** section when billing electronically.

HCA denies claims submitted without a required EPA number.

HCA denies claims submitted without the appropriate diagnosis, procedure code, or service as indicated by the last three digits of the EPA number.

The billing provider must document in the client's file how the EPA criteria were met and make this information available to HCA on request. If HCA determines the documentation does not support the criteria being met, the claim will be denied.

> **Note:** HCA requires prior authorization either by online submission or written/fax prior authorization when there is no option to create an EPA number.

EPA guidelines

Documentation

The provider must verify medical necessity for the EPA number submitted. The client's medical record documentation must support the medical necessity and be available upon HCA's request. If HCA determines the documentation does not support the EPA criteria requirements, the claim will be denied.

EPA Criteria Coding List

A complete EPA number is nine digits. The first five or six digits of the EPA number must be **87000 or 870000**. The last three or four digits must be the code assigned to the diagnostic condition, procedure, or service that meets the EPA criteria.

If the client does not meet the EPA criteria, prior authorization (PA) is required (see Authorization).

EPA Code	Service name	Criteria
870001376	Hemodialysis treatments, more than 14 per month	To be paid for more than 14 in-center hemodialysis treatments per month, the client's medical records must support the need for additional dialysis treatments as defined by one of the following: • Unable to obtain adequate dialysis as defined by Kt/V > 1.4 with 5 hours three times per week • Refractory Fluid Overload – successive post dialysis weight increases over three runs or more (minimum 4 hour treatment) • Uncontrolled Hypertension as defined by needing 3 blood pressure medications or more and still having a pre-dialysis BP > 140/90 • Heart failure: class III C or worse (defined by New York Heart Association (NYHA) Functional Classification) or history of decompensation with HD < 4x per week (decompensation may include increase in edema, dyspnea, increased diuretic therapy, hospitalizations from heart failure) • Unable to complete run - compromised access – termed treatment early (i.e., clotted line), must meet medical necessity. • Pregnancy • Established on >14 runs per month due to one of the above noted reasons (supportive documentation required) In addition, a signed prescription for additional dialysis by a nephrologist must be in the medical record. HCA requires prior authorization (PA) if the EPA criteria above is not met. HCA may approve more than 14 in-center hemodialysis treatments for up to a 6-month period.

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What is a limitation extension (LE)?

A limitation extension (LE) is HCA's authorization for the provider to furnish more units of service than are allowed in WAC and HCA billing guides. The provider must provide justification that the additional units of service are medically necessary.

> LEs do not override the client's eligibility or program limitations. Not all categories of eligibility can receive all services. For example: Kidney dialysis is not covered under the Family Planning Only Program.

Is prior authorization required for an LE?

Yes. Prior authorization is required for an LE.

> **Note**: See HCA's ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide for more information on requesting authorization.

How do I request prior authorization for an LE?

To request a limitation extension (LE), providers may submit a request online through direct data entry into ProviderOne (see HCA's Prior Authorization webpage for details) or providers may use the written or fax authorization process.

Written or fax authorization is the paper authorization process providers may also use when submitting a request for an LE. Providers must complete:

- A *General Information for Authorization form* (HCA 13-835). This request form MUST be the initial page when you submit your request.
- A *Fax/Written Request Basic Information form* (HCA 13-756), all the documentation listed on this form, and any other medical justification.

Fax the forms and all documentation to **866-668-1214.**

Payment

How does HCA pay for kidney center services?

HCA pays free-standing kidney centers for providing kidney center services to eligible clients using either the:

- Composite rate payment method – A payment method in which all standard equipment, supplies, and services are calculated into a blended rate. All in-facility dialysis and all home dialysis treatments are billed under the composite rate method.
    - A single dialysis session and related services are paid through a single composite rate payment (see **What is included in the composite rate?** for a detailed description on what is required and paid for in a composite rate payment).
    - The composite rate is listed in the Kidney Center Services Fee Schedule.

-OR-

- Noncomposite rate payment method – End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) services and items covered by HCA, but not included in the composite rate, are billed and paid separately. This methodology uses a maximum allowable fee schedule to pay providers (see **Can services and supplies that are not included in the composite rate be billed separately?** for more detail on noncomposite rate payments).

> **Note:** HCA recognizes a free-standing kidney center as an outpatient facility. All services for the same episode of care or visit must be billed on the same claim form.

What is included in the composite rate?

The composite rate for equipment, supplies, and services for in-facility and home dialysis includes:

- Medically necessary dialysis equipment
- Dialysis services furnished by the facility's staff
- Standard ESRD-related laboratory tests (see **Laboratory Services**)
- Home dialysis support services including the delivery, installation, and maintenance of equipment
- Purchase and delivery of all necessary dialysis supplies
- Declotting of shunts and any supplies used to declot shunts
- Oxygen used by the client and the administration of oxygen
- Staff time used to administer blood and nonroutine parenteral items
- Non-invasive vascular studies
- Training for self-dialysis and home dialysis helpers

HCA issues a composite rate payment only when all the above items and services are furnished or available at each dialysis session. If the facility fails to furnish or have available any of the above items, HCA does not pay for any part of the items and services that were furnished.

How many dialysis sessions are included in the composite rate payment?

The composite rate payment includes the following number of sessions:

Limit per session	Revenue code
14 per client, per month	0821 and 0831
32 per client, per month	0841 and 0851

> **Note:** Providers may request a limitation extension (LE) if more sessions than indicated above are medically necessary (see Authorization).

Can services and supplies that are not included in the composite rate be billed separately?

Supplies and services that are not included in the composite rate may be billed separately when they are:

- Drugs related to treatment, including but not limited to Epoetin Alpha (EPO) and diazepam. The drug must:
  - Be prescribed by a physician
  - Meet the rebate requirements described in WAC 182-530-7500
  - Meet the requirements of WAC 246-905-020 when provided for home use
- Supplies used to administer drugs and blood
- Blood processing fees charged by the blood bank (see **What does HCA pay free-standing kidney centers for?**)
- Home dialysis helpers

The above items are subject to the restrictions or limitations in this billing guide and applicable WAC.

> **Note**: Staff time for the administration of blood is included in the composite rate.

What laboratory services are included in the composite rate?

- Standard ESRD lab tests are included in the composite rate when performed at recommended intervals.
- The following standard ESRD lab tests, performed by either the facility or an independent laboratory, may be paid outside the composite rate when it is medically necessary to test more frequently. When submitting a claim for tests performed over and above recommended intervals:
    - Proof of medical necessity must be documented in the client's medical record when billing for more frequent testing. A diagnosis of ESRD is not sufficient.
    - The claim must include information on the nature of the illness or injury (diagnosis, complaint, or symptom) requiring the performance of the test(s).
    - (An ICD diagnosis code may be shown in lieu of a narrative description.)

Frequency of testing under ESRD composite rate	Standard ESRD test
1. Per Treatment	All hematocrit, hemoglobin, and clotting tests
2. Weekly	Prothrombin time for patients on anti- coagulant therapy Serum Creatinine BUN

Frequency of testing under ESRD composite rate	Standard ESRD test
3. Monthly	• Alkaline Phosphatase • CBC • LDH • Serum Albumin • Serum Bicarbonate • Serum Calcium • Serum Chloride • Serum Phosphorous • Serum Potassium • SGOT • Total Protein **CAPD Tests:** • Albumin • Alkaline • BUN • Calcium • CO2 • Creatinine • Dialysate Protein • HCT • HGB • LDH • Magnesium Phosphatase • Phosphate • Potassium • SGOT • Sodium • Total Protein

The following tests are not included in the composite rate and may be billed at the frequency shown without medical documentation. Tests performed more frequently require the appropriate medical diagnosis and medical documentation in the client's medical record. (A diagnosis of ESRD alone is not sufficient.)

Hemodialysis & CCPD Patients

Frequency of Testing for Separately Billable Tests	Test
Once every three months	• Serum Aluminum • Serum Ferritin
Once every twelve months	• Bone Survey (Either the roetgenographic method or the photon absorptiometric procedure for bone mineral analysis.) • Assay of parathormone (83970)

CAPD Patients

Frequency of Testing for Separately Billable Tests	Test
Once every three months	• Platelet count • RBC • WBC
Once every twelve months	• Residual renal function • 24-hour urine volume

All separately billable ESRD laboratory services must be billed by, and paid to, the laboratory that performs the test.

What does HCA pay free-standing kidney centers for?

HCA pays free-standing kidney centers for:

- Blood processing and other fees assessed by non-profit blood centers that do not charge for the blood or blood products themselves
- Costs, up to HCA maximum allowable fee, incurred by the center to administer its in-house blood procurement program

HCA does not pay free-standing kidney centers for blood or blood products (see WAC 182-550-6500).

Staff time used to administer blood or blood products is included in the payment for the composite rate (see WAC 182-540-150 and 182-540-160).

When does HCA pay for Epoetin Alpha (EPO) therapy?

HCA pays the kidney center for EPO therapy when:

- Administered in the kidney center to a client who meets one of the following:
  - Has a hematocrit less than 33 percent or a hemoglobin less than 11 when therapy is initiated
  - Is continuing EPO therapy with a hematocrit between 30 and 36 percent
- Provided to a home dialysis client when both of the following apply:
  - The client has a hematocrit less than 33% or a hemoglobin less than 11 when therapy is initiated.
  - EPO therapy is permitted by Washington Board of Pharmacy Rules (see WAC 246-905-020 Home dialysis program - legend drugs).

For billing purposes, 100 units of EPO given to the client equals one (1) billing unit. If a fraction of 100 units of EPO is given, round the billing unit as follows:

- If 49 units or less are given, round down to the next 100 units (i.e., bill 31,440 units of EPO as 314 billing units).
- If 50 units or more are given, round up to the next 100 units (i.e., bill 31,550 units of EPO as 316 billing units).
- For HCA requirements for billing single dose vials, see the Compliance Packaging section in HCA's Prescription Drug Program Billing Guide.

Where is the fee schedule?

See HCA's Kidney Center Services Fee Schedule.

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Billing

All claims must be submitted electronically to HCA, except under limited circumstances. For more information about this policy change, see Paperless Billing at HCA.

For providers approved to bill paper claims, see HCA's Paper Claim Billing Resource.

What are the general billing requirements?

Providers must follow HCA's ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide. These billing requirements include the following:

- Time limits exist for submitting and resubmitting claims and adjustments
- What fee to bill HCA for eligible clients
- When providers may bill a client
- How to bill for services provided to primary care case management (PCCM) clients
- Billing for clients eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid
- Third-party liability claims
- Record-keeping requirements

How do I bill claims electronically?

Instructions on how to bill Direct Data Entry (DDE) claims can be found on HCA's **Billers, providers, and partners webpage**, under **Learn how to use ProviderOne**, select **Webinars**.

For information about billing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) claims, see the ProviderOne 5010 companion guides on the **HIPAA Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)** webpage.