



Kidney Health Care Program

Access Surgery Quick Sheet

Benefit Explanation

Costs for most dialysis treatments and services related to End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) are covered by Medicare. However, access surgery typically occurs **before** the patient is approved for Medicare benefits.

- Kidney Health Care (KHC) covers limited access surgery services performed by a provider who has a contract with KHC.
- KHC benefits for access surgery are retroactive because the patient usually does not qualify for KHC benefits until after the initial surgery.
- Access surgery benefits are payable only if the surgery happens
 - on or after the date Texas residency was established **and**
 - not more than 180 days prior to the effective date of the client's eligibility for KHC.
- KHC clients who can get Medicare or Medicaid cannot get medical benefits through KHC.

Following is a description of access surgery services, rate limitations, information on filing deadlines and allowable procedure codes and rates.

Service†	Rate
Hospitalization for access surgery	Billed amount x RCC rate on file, up to a maximum of \$4,100.
Surgeon fees for access surgery	See page 2 for the list of allowable procedures and rates. Rates vary depending on Medicaid rates at time procedure was added to the list.
Assistant Surgeon fees for access surgery	25% of surgeon's rate.
Anesthesiologist and CRNA	\$290.00 flat rate.

† Includes initial access surgery, and re-access and de-clotting procedures within these same limitations.

Filing Deadlines

File claims for Access Surgery with KHC as soon as the patient is notified that he or she can get benefits. The following limitations apply:

KHC must receive the claims by the later of:

- 95 days from the last day of the month in which services were provided; or
- 60 days from the date on the third party Explanation of Benefits (EOB), but not later than 180 days from date of service; or
- 60 days from the date on the KHC notice of eligibility for newly approved recipients.

For more information about Kidney Health Care benefits, please call: 1-800-222-3986, fax: 512-458-7162, e-mail: kidneynet@dshs.state.tx.us or write to:

Kidney Health Care
 Purchased Health Services Unit, MC 1938
 Texas Department of State Health Services
 1100 W. 49th Street
 P O Box 149347
 Austin, TX 78714-9347

Allowable KHC Access Surgery Procedure Codes and Rates

CPT Code	Rate	CPT Code	Rate	CPT Code	Rate
*532	\$290.00	36565	\$259.47	36819	\$635.81
*840	\$290.00	36566	\$278.38	36820	\$632.66
*1840	\$290.00	36568	\$162.40	36821	\$515.80
*1844	\$290.00	36569	\$75.61	36825	\$686.50
34471	\$379.13	36570	\$233.70	36830	\$652.12
34490	\$440.50	36571	\$235.99	36831	\$353.70
35188	\$655.44	36575	\$225.11	36832	\$582.82
35190	\$697.72	36576	\$284.68	36833	\$510.65
35321	\$768.36	36578	\$225.11	36834	\$537.85
35460	\$285.85	36580	\$162.40	36838	\$944.25
35475	\$448.96	36581	\$225.11	36860	\$151.22
35476	\$285.85	36582	\$284.68	36861	\$254.04
35761	\$330.03	36583	\$225.11	36870	\$1,037.62
35860	\$346.83	36584	\$75.61	37201	\$404.10
35903	\$500.34	36585	\$284.68	37205	\$406.69
36005	\$42.92	36589	\$131.74	37206	\$203.06
36010	\$146.07	36590	\$161.53	37207	\$406.69
36145	\$174.70	36595	\$675.33	37208	\$203.06
36217	\$317.90	36596	\$148.64	37607	\$289.83
36555	\$162.40	36597	\$105.68	49420	\$120.86
36556	\$93.08	36598	\$40.10	49421	\$296.71
36557	\$226.82	36800	\$148.64	49422	\$309.59
36558	\$226.54	36810	\$288.12	49425	\$617.76
36560	\$267.78	36815	\$199.66	49426	\$461.39
36561	\$261.19	36818	\$556.47	49428	\$305.58
36563	\$321.34			49429	\$327.06

Rates effective June 1, 2008.

*For anesthesiology services