



Kidney Health Care Program Access Surgery Quick Sheet

Benefit Explanation

Costs for most dialysis treatments and end-stage renal disease-related services are covered by Medicare. However, “qualifying” periods of usually three months occur before the patient qualifies for Medicare. Typically, access surgery will occur before the patient is eligible for Medicare benefits. Kidney Health Care (KHC) recipients may be eligible for KHC medical benefits only while they are **not** eligible for Medicare or Medicaid (or deemed eligible for these benefits by KHC but have not applied).

Eligibility

KHC benefits for access surgery are retroactive in nature because the patient usually does not qualify for KHC benefits until after the initial access surgery is performed. Access surgery benefits are payable only if the service was performed on or after the date Texas residency was established and not more than 180 days prior to the recipient’s KHC eligibility effective date.

Kidney Health Care Program Rates

Service*	Fiscal Year 2006 Fee
Hospitalization for access surgery	Billed amount X RCC rate on file or Maximum of \$4100, whichever is less
Surgeon fees for access surgery	Call KHC for allowable procedures and rates. Rates vary depending on Medicaid rate at time procedure was added to list.
Assistant surgeon fees for access surgery	25% of surgeon’s rate
Anesthesiologist and CRNA fees	\$290.00 flat rate

* Includes initial access surgery, and reaccess and declotting procedurs within these same limitations.

Filing Deadlines

Claims for access surgery should be filed with KHC as soon as the patient is notified that he/she is eligible to receive benefits. Claims shall be received by KHC 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 KHC notice of eligibility for newly approved recipients.

For more information about Kidney Health Care access surgery benefits, please call
1-800-222-3986 or e-mail us at kidneynet@dshs.state.tx.us.