



Kidney Health Care Program

Access Surgery Quick Sheet

Benefit Explanation

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

- Kidney Health Care (KHC) covers limited access surgery services provided by a KHC contracted provider.
- KHC benefits for access surgery are retroactive in nature because the patient usually does not qualify for KHC benefits until after the initial 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.
- KHC recipients eligible for Medicare or Medicaid are not eligible for KHC medical benefits.

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

Service†	FY08 Rates
Hospitalization for access surgery	Billed amount x RCC rate on file or maximum of \$4,100, whichever is less.
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

Claims for Access Surgery should be filed with KHC as soon as the patient is notified that he/she is eligible to receive benefits. The following limitations apply:

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 benefits, please call: 1-800-222-3986, fax: 512-458-7162, e-mail: kidneyet@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	36556	\$72.01	36800	\$139.47
*840	\$290.00	36557	\$215.75	36810	\$270.34
*1840	\$290.00	36558	\$215.75	36818	\$529.97
*1844	\$290.00	36560	\$215.75	36819	\$605.53
34471	\$373.53	36561	\$215.75	36821	\$483.98
34490	\$434.00	36563	\$306.04	36825	\$644.15
35184	\$636.89	36565	\$215.75	36830	\$611.90
35188	\$645.76	36566	\$215.75	36831	\$313.61
35190	\$687.41	36568	\$162.40	36832	\$546.87
35206	\$585.29	36569	\$72.01	36833	\$477.26
35321	\$757.01	36570	\$215.75	36834	\$504.67
35460	\$281.63	36571	\$215.75	36860	\$141.89
35475	\$442.33	36575	\$214.39	36861	\$238.36
35476	\$281.63	36576	\$271.12	36870	\$988.21
35700	\$137.59	36578	\$214.39	37607	\$261.21
35761	\$325.16	36580	\$162.40	49420	\$113.40
35860	\$330.31	36581	\$214.39	49421	\$278.40
35875	\$520.80	36582	\$271.12	49422	\$290.50
35876	\$618.62	36583	\$214.39	49425	\$579.65
35879	\$720.90	36584	\$72.01	49426	\$425.40
35881	\$790.46	36585	\$271.12	49428	\$87.61
35903	\$469.47	36589	\$125.47	49429	\$280.55
36010	\$137.05	36590	\$153.84	G0159	\$528.61
36145	\$163.93	36595	\$643.17		
36555	\$162.40	36596	\$141.56		

*For anesthesiology services

Note: Rates listed are in effect at the time services were added.