

Caring for AKI patients at DaVita



As of January 2017, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) began covering outpatient dialysis treatments for patients with acute kidney injury (AKI). As a result:

1. Medicare-certified ESRD dialysis centers are now paid by CMS for providing outpatient dialysis services to AKI patients that already have Medicare.
2. CMS reimburses nephrologists to care for dialysis-dependent AKI patients with Medicare as outpatients. CMS has not restricted the frequency of direct physician evaluation for this unique set of patients.
3. CMS currently does not reimburse for PD treatments at

AKI CLINICAL CARE RESOURCES OFFERED BY DAVITA

AKI Assessment and Monitoring Clinical Policy

- Provides the treatment team with guidance on effective, appropriate care of AKI patients.
- Allows the team to provide select ancillary services (lab draws, CVC care) to AKI patients during held treatments upon physician request.

Recommended AKI Standing Orders and Lab Panel

- Provide guidance regarding in-center hemodialysis orders for AKI patients, which can be more frequent (weekly) and allow the team to better evaluate renal recovery and transitions to ESRD.

AKI Clinical Playbook

- Supports the interdisciplinary team in providing a higher level of care to AKI patients, helping to streamline admissions, enrollment, and care.
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