

**WAC 246-310-38X Nursing Home In-Home Dialysis Services.**

- 1) Applicants seeking to establish in-home dialysis services to residents within a nursing home must apply under the criteria outlined in (3). For the purposes of this section, in-home dialysis services provided to residents of a nursing home are not considered to be the establishment of a new kidney disease treatment center as defined by WAC 246-310-800(10).
- 2) The following definitions apply only to this section of rule:
  - a) Bedside setting - In-home dialysis or training services provided to a nursing home resident at their bedside.
  - b) Caregiver - any person(s) providing or assisting with the care of the nursing home resident (e.g. nursing home staff, dialysis provider staff, or other persons approved to provide care assistance).
  - c) Dialysis provider - A kidney disease treatment center, as defined in WAC 246-310-800 that:
    - i) Is located within the same planning area as the nursing home;
    - ii) Operates an in-home dialysis or home training program;and

iii) Is CN-approved and CMS certified.

d) Group setting - An area of the nursing home dedicated for in-home dialysis or training services for nursing home residents. This is often referred to as a "den model."

e) In-home dialysis - Home Peritoneal Dialysis (HPD) or Home Hemodialysis (HHD)

f) Planning area - has the same meaning as WAC 246-310-800.

g) Training services - has the same meaning as WAC 246-310-800.

3) Eligibility criteria:

a) A nursing home application for the approval to provide in-home dialysis services must be jointly submitted by the nursing home and the dialysis provider.

i) A separate application must be submitted if seeking to establish programs at multiple locations.

b) The dialysis provider must be in the same planning area as the nursing home.

c) The dialysis provider and nursing home must have an executed agreement in place clearly delineating

responsibilities for services to be provided. At a minimum, the agreement must contain the following:

- i) Provisions for continuation of uninterrupted treatment should the resident no longer be appropriate for in-home dialysis services,
  - ii) An attestation from the dialysis provider that only in-home dialysis or training services will be provided to residents of the nursing home,
  - iii) An attestation from the nursing home that only residents admitted to the facility will be eligible for services.
  - iv) A plan for the transfer of discharged residents who require continued dialysis services to a CN-approved kidney disease treatment center in the planning area to which the resident is being discharged,
- d) The application must demonstrate that only in-home dialysis services will be provided within the nursing home either at a bedside or group setting.

- i) If the group setting will require alternative use of space, the nursing home must apply for alternate use approval under WAC 246-310-395, as applicable.
- e) The application must include policies and procedures which outline caregiver responsibilities, training plan for caregivers, responsibilities of the dialysis provider, infection control procedures, admission criteria, non-discrimination policies, and any other relevant policies related to the delivery of in-home dialysis services.