Medicare is a government program that pays for dialysis treatment for people who are eligible and covered under Part B with the ESRD PPS (End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System). The ESRD PPS is a “dialysis bundled payment” made to a dialysis facility on behalf Medicare beneficiaries for their treatment. The “Dialysis Bundle” includes the dialysis treatment, laboratory tests, supplies, all injectable drugs, biologicals and their oral equivalent, and services provided for the dialysis treatment.

**What's not in the bundle**

- Nephrologist (Kidney Doctor) professional services
- Medications taken outside of the dialysis treatment (covered by Medicare Part D i.e., phosphorus binders)
- Preventive vaccines and administration
- Labs relating to transplantation
- All costs associated with emergency room visits and hospitalization including dialysis and labs
- Procedures necessary to maintain vascular access

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