



## Provider Inquiry Assistance

### Visit Requirements Clarification for Change Request (CR) 5931 (“Manualization of Payment for Outpatient End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)-Related Services”) – JA0921

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**Contractors Affected**

- Medicare Carriers
- Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)

**Provider Types Affected** Physicians and other practitioners who bill Medicare Carriers or A/B MACs for providing outpatient ESRD services to Medicare beneficiaries



- Special Edition article SE0921 clarifies visit requirements under the ESRD monthly capitation payment (MCP).
- The MCP physician (or practitioner) must furnish at least one face-to-face visit per month to the beneficiary but is not required to furnish the visit while the patient is dialyzing.

**Provider Needs to Know...**

- SE0921 clarifies the visit requirements under the ESRD MCP as described in CR5931 (“Manualization of Payment for Outpatient End Stage Renal Related (ESRD) Services.”).
- Once the ESRD beneficiary is on dialysis, the MCP physician (or practitioner) must furnish at least one face-to-face visit per month to the beneficiary.
- MCP visits may be furnished in a physician’s office, outpatient hospital, or other outpatient setting, including the patient’s home as well as in the dialysis facility.
- The MCP physician (or practitioner) is not required to furnish the visit while the patient is dialyzing.

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- For example, a comprehensive monthly visit could be furnished in a physician's office at a different time than the beneficiary's dialysis session.
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Reference  
Materials

The related MLN Matters® article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/se0921.pdf> on the CMS website.

A MLN Matters® article related to CR5931 is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5931.pdf> on the CMS website.

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