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## *Use Condition Code 59 When an ESRD Beneficiary Receives Non-Scheduled or Emergency Dialysis Services at a Non-Primary ESRD Dialysis Facility*

**Note:** This article was updated on April 9, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers

### Provider Action Needed

This special instruction describes the use of Condition Code 59 when billing for ESRD beneficiaries receiving dialysis services at non-primary ESRD dialysis facilities

### Background

Condition code 59 was created to help track treatments given at non-primary ESRD facilities.

The responsibility for the care plan and treatments remains with the patients' "home" facility even though arrangements are made to perform dialysis treatments at the other certified facility.

### Condition Code for Dialysis Services Provided at a Facility That Is Not the Home Facility

ESRD facilities should note that:

- When a beneficiary receives dialysis services at a non-primary ESRD dialysis facility, Condition Code 59 should be used in completing Form CMS-1450 (Form Locators (FLs) 24-30) for Billing, and
- When a patient (who is traveling or transient) receives scheduled services at a non-primary ESRD dialysis facility, Condition Code 59 should be used.

### Related Instructions

You are also referred to Change Request (CR) 3183, Transmittal# 149, titled New Condition Code for ESRD Facilities and Patient Status Code Changes, dated April 23, 2004, which can be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R149CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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The associated MLN Matters article can be found at <http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/MM3183.pdf> on the CMS website.

### Additional Information

An excellent booklet is also available titled Preparing for Medical Emergencies: A Guide for People on Dialysis that can be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/10150.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please call your fiscal intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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