



Dear Provider,

Please be advised that the change to the Emergency Medicaid Dialysis Services policy described in the email below has been postponed. This policy change was initially scheduled to be effective September 1, 2018, however, implementation has been delayed while the Department considers additional data, operational implications and stakeholder input.

Additional policy guidance will be issued when the Department completes this process.

Thank you,

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

August 16, 2018

Dear Provider,

Please be advised of upcoming policy changes to the dialysis and Emergency Medicaid Services benefits.

Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) now considers End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) to be an emergency medical condition requiring dialysis treatment. Effective September 1, 2018, dialysis services will be a covered benefit under the Emergency Medicaid Services benefit. Outpatient hospital-based clinics and independent free-standing dialysis centers will be able to provide dialysis services under the Emergency Medicaid Services benefit.

These changes will be effective September 1, 2018, and will be published in the [September 2018 Provider Bulletin](#) and the [Dialysis Billing Manual](#).

For policy questions, please contact Jessica Pekala at Jessica.Pekala@state.co.us.

Thank you,

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

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