



Kidney Health Care

What to Know After Applying to KHC

Now that you've applied for the Kidney Health Care (KHC) Program, you'll get a letter in the mail telling you if you qualify for benefits and what those benefits are, along with a booklet with more information about KHC benefits.

What is KHC?

KHC helps Texans who have end-stage renal disease and are on dialysis or have had a kidney transplant.

All KHC applicants **must apply for Medicare.**

How can KHC help you?

KHC can help you cover costs related to kidney health care services, medicine, health care travel and Medicare Part D premiums.



KHC Limits

KHC helps you pay for health care costs after your insurance and other programs pay first.

KHC does not:

- Pay for health care costs for kidney transplant patients.
- Help with the 20% Medicare Part B co-pay for dialysis.
- Provide health benefits if you have other health insurance.
- Provide travel benefits if you have mileage paid by other programs.

Your KHC benefits can change:

- When your Medicare starts.
- If you get Medicaid.
- If you get a kidney transplant.
- If you start dialysis at home instead of at a dialysis center.
- If you return to getting dialysis at a dialysis center after getting a transplant or home dialysis.

KHC and Your Health Care Costs Before Medicare

KHC can help you pay for some of your health care costs until your Medicare starts.

If you get dialysis at a dialysis center, KHC will pay for:

- Access surgery and its hospital costs.
- Up to 14 treatments at a dialysis center per month.

If you get dialysis at home, KHC will pay for:

- Access surgery and its hospital costs.
- Home dialysis training.
- Up to 31 home dialysis treatments per month.

KHC and Your Medicare Drug Costs

KHC can help you pay for some of your drug costs from a pharmacy that works with KHC. Your KHC drug benefits depend on the status of your Medicare benefits. KHC drug benefits are different before and after your Medicare starts.

Before your Medicare starts, or if you cannot get Medicare, KHC will pay for four of your drugs on the KHC drug list per month. You will only have to pay \$6 per drug.

After your Medicare starts and you enroll in a Part D stand-alone Texas plan, KHC will pay for the monthly cost of your Medicare premium and four drugs per month after Medicare Part D has paid its part.

If you got a kidney transplant, KHC will help pay for your immunosuppressant drugs when you have Medicare Part B and after your Medicare ends.

KHC and Your Travel Costs

KHC can help you pay for the cost of your round-trip mileage to get health care for your kidney disease (for example, from your home to the dialysis center or the doctor's office).

KHC can pay up to:

- 14 trips per month for dialysis at a dialysis center.
- Four trips per month if you get dialysis at home.
- Four trips per month if you had a kidney transplant.

Social workers must send claims for dialysis treatments received at a dialysis center. You are responsible for submitting claims if you get dialysis at home or if you had a kidney transplant.

KHC can send your mileage check directly to your bank account. Contact KHC to find out how you can sign up for direct deposit.

Learn More About KHC

If you have questions about your KHC benefits after you get your benefits letter in the mail, call us at 800-222-3986, email khc@hhs.texas.gov or visit hhs.texas.gov/services/health/kidney-health-care.

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