

California Code of Regulations, Title 22. Social Security
Division 5. Licensing and Certification of Health Facilities, Home Health Agencies,
Clinics, and Referral Agencies
Chapter 1. General Acute Care Hospitals
Article 6. Supplemental Services
Chronic Dialysis Service

70441. Chronic Dialysis Service Definition.

Chronic dialysis service means a specialized unit of a hospital for the treatment of patients with end-stage renal disease who manifest the accumulation of excessive nitrogenous waste products. The scope of services includes hemodialysis per se and may include peritoneal dialysis or other means for removing toxic or excessive waste products from the blood. The service includes supervision of patients undergoing home dialysis.

70443. Chronic Dialysis Service General Requirements.

(a) Written policies and procedures shall be developed and maintained by the person responsible for the service in consultation with other appropriate health professionals and the administration. Policies shall be approved by the governing body. Procedures shall be approved by the administration and medical staff where such is appropriate.

(b) The responsibility and accountability of the chronic dialysis service to the medical staff and administration shall be defined.

(c) The hospital shall:

(1) Have two or more dialysis stations. A minimum of five dialysis sessions per week should be performed at each station.

(2) Work in cooperation with other facilities providing care for patients with end-stage renal disease.

(3) Make chronic dialysis services available to patients with end-stage renal disease referred from other facilities which do not provide chronic dialysis services [sic].

(4) Participate in the development and use of a registry of prospective recipient patients.

(5) Participate in kidney procurement, preservation and transport program.

(6) Review all patients with end-stage [sic] renal disease to determine the appropriateness of their treatment modality, including self-dialysis, home dialysis and renal transplantation and cooperate with other facilities for the timely transfer of medical data.

(d) The hospital shall provide directly:

(1) Respiratory therapy.

(2) Twenty-four hour laboratory capability of performing, as a minimum, the following determinations: C.B.C., B.U.N., creatinine, platelet count, blood typing and cross matching, blood gas analysis, blood pH, serum glucose, electrolytes, coagulation tests, spinal fluid examination and urinalysis.

(3) Chronic dialysis on an outpatient basis.

(4) Angiography.

(5) Tissue culture.

(6) Self-dialysis training program.

(7) Home-dialysis training program.

(8) Transplantation evaluation of patients with end-stage renal disease.

(9) Renal transplantation.

(10) Nuclear medicine service.

(f) There shall be a separate designated area as needed for patients undergoing chronic dialysis who are known to be hepatitis B surface antigen positive.

(g) The particular requirements for patients on chronic dialysis shall be accommodated in the disaster and fire plans of the hospital.

(h) There shall be inservice training and continuing education for all medi-cal [sic], nursing and other personnel.

(i) There shall be a written hepatitis program.

(j) Periodically, a committee of the medical staff shall evaluate the services provided and make appropriate recommendations to the executive committee of the medical staff and administration.

70445. Chronic Dialysis Service Staff.

(a) A physician shall have overall responsibility for the service. This physician shall be certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Internal Medicine or the American Board of Pediatrics and shall have a minimum of one year's training in the care of patients with end-stage renal disease.

(b) Surgeons performing the vascular access procedures shall be certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Surgery and shall have a minimum of one year's training or experience in vascular surgery.

(c) Children being treated for end-stage renal disease shall be under the care of a physician who is certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Pediatrics.

(d) Where appropriate, the hospital shall provide timely evaluation and consultation by the following specialists:

(1) Physicians certified or eligible for certification in cardiology, endocrinology, infectious disease or hematology by the American ad of Internal Medicine.

(2) A physician certified or eligible for certification in neurology by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

(3) A physician certified or eligible for certification in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

(4) A physician certified or eligible for certification in orthopaedic surgery by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.

(5) A physician certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Pathology.

(6) A physician certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Urology.

(e) There shall be a registered nurse responsible for the nursing service who has had at least 12 months' general nursing experience or six months' experience in the care of patients with end-stage renal disease.

(f) There shall be sufficient other licensed nurses and skilled personnel to provide the required patient care.

(g) A dietician shall provide diet management and counseling to meet the needs of patients with end-stage renal disease.

(h) A social worker shall provide social service and counseling to meet the needs of the patients with end-stage renal disease.

70447. Chronic Dialysis Service Equipment and Supplies.

(a) Equipment and supplies shall include at least:

(1) A dialysis machine or equivalent (with appropriate monitoring equipment) for each bed or station.

(2) Dialysis equipment appropriate for pediatric patients, if treated.

70449. Chronic Dialysis Service Space.

(a) There shall be a minimum of 10 square meters (110 square feet) of floorspace per bed or station.

(b) The following areas shall be provided and maintained:

(1) Patient waiting area.

(2) Conference room.

(3) Nurses' station.

(4) Segregated area for home dialysis training, if provided.

(5) Machine storage room.

(6) Supplies storage room.

(7) Utility room.

(c) Beds in the chronic dialysis service, unless used for a stay of over 24 hours, shall not be included in the total licensed bed capacity of the hospital.