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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
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 Free-Standing Dialysis Facilities Transmittal No. 4
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TO: Hospitals
 Free-Standing Dialysis Facilities

FROM: Sandra Kick, Director, Medical Benefits Management

Sandra E. Kick

RE: Clarification of Eligibility and Coverage for Dialysis Services
 for Undocumented or Unqualified Aliens (X02/X03)

Note: Be sure to inform the appropriate staff members in your organization of the content of this transmittal.

The purpose of this transmittal is to clarify that dialysis services provided in hospitals, through an emergency span, and freestanding facilities, for ongoing dialysis treatment, are considered part of the emergency medical services covered through a limited Medical Assistance benefit for non-qualified or undocumented non-citizens (see COMAR 10.09.24.05-2 and PT 16-21 *Hospital Transmittal No. 277*).

To receive this benefit, the individual must be actively enrolled in emergency medical services coverage, a Maryland Medicaid provider must prescribe dialysis for the individual, and the recommendation must receive approval from the fee-for-service program through the utilization control agent. Approval covers a period of up to 12 months and is eligible for additional certification periods up to 12 months. The frequency of weekly dialysis service and length of dialysis treatment is determined by the treating provider and based on the degree of End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD).

For questions related to this transmittal, please contact Earl Tucker, Division of Dental, Clinics, and Laboratories, at earl.tucker@maryland.gov.