
42 C.F.R. § 413.186

Payment exception: Self-dialysis training costs in pediatric facilities.

- (a) *Qualification.* To qualify for an exception to the prospective payment rate based on self-dialysis training costs, the pediatric ESRD facility must establish that it incurs per treatment costs for furnishing self-dialysis and home dialysis training that exceed the facility's payment rate for the training sessions.
- (b) *Justification.* To justify its exception request, a facility must—
- (1) Separately identify those elements contributing to its costs in excess of the composite training rate; and
 - (2) Demonstrate that its per treatment costs are reasonable and allowable.
- (c) *Criteria for determining proper cost reporting.* CMS considers the pediatric ESRD facility's total costs, cost finding and apportionment, including its allocation of costs, to determine if costs are properly reported by treatment modality.
- (d) *Limitation of exception requests.* Exception requests for a higher training rate are limited to those cost components relating to training such as technical staff, medical supplies, and the special costs of education (manuals and education materials). These requests may include overhead and other indirect costs to the extent that these costs are directly attributable to the additional training costs.

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