

3375.00.00 END-STAGE RENAL DISEASE (ESRD)

The End-Stage Renal Disease program has been expired as of 12/31/24. Members that were on ESRD will be explored for other categories of assistance.

The ESRD population in the demonstration was added in May 2014 to support Medicare beneficiaries in need of supplemental health care coverage. These beneficiaries were able to access kidney transplant and related services that they might not otherwise be able to afford without the additional supplemental benefits. However, there is a new Medicare Advantage enrollment option created by the 21st Century Cures Act allowing ESRD patients to enroll in Medicare Advantage which, unlike traditional Medicare Part A and Part B, acts as an "all in one" plan that includes prescription (Part D) coverage and in some cases additional benefits such as vision, hearing, and dental.¹⁴

~~In June 2014, individuals with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) were at risk of losing access to kidney transplant services due to the elimination of the spend-down provision. These individuals were provided extended Medicaid coverage with an applied liability instead of a spend-down.~~

¹⁴ Sec. 17006. Allowing End-Stage Renal Disease Beneficiaries to Choose a Medicare Advantage Plan