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**TO:** Interested Parties

**FROM:** Stefanie Nadeau, Acting Director, Office of MaineCare Services

**SUBJECT: DIALYSIS Reimbursement Policy Clarification and Overpayment Adjustments, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter 101, Chapters II & III, Section 7, Free Standing Dialysis Services**

This letter is to provide policy and reimbursement clarification for Free Standing Dialysis Services and address overpayment adjustment options. It has come to our attention that there have been some reimbursement discrepancies with Free Standing Dialysis Services in the MIHMS claims system.

The Office of MaineCare Services would like to clarify that it is MaineCare's intent to pay the Medicare rate for these services per Section 7.04: ***To facilitate coordination of benefits, the Department will follow Medicare coverage policies and claims submission requirements, as appropriate.***

Furthermore, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter 101, Chapter 1.08-1 states the maximum allowed reimbursement rate is: ***A. the MaineCare rate of reimbursement as found in the applicable Chapter of the MaineCare Benefits Manual or as published by the Department, or B. the lowest amount allowed by Medicare Part B.***

Since Chapter III of Section 7 indicates that the rates are ***by report***, please note that ***by report*** indicates the Medicare rate. MaineCare will be conducting rulemaking in the future to clarify this language in Section 7, Free Standing Dialysis Services policy.

In regard to overpayment adjustments, providers of Free Standing Dialysis Services may choose one of the following two methods:

1. File adjustment claims showing the approved Medicare rate for the member as their charges for the service. The claims will then be adjusted through the system and the overpayments will be recouped from future payments.

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2. Complete one adjustment form with copies of remittances highlighting the claims needing adjustments. The amount billed on the remittance statement should be crossed out and the approved Medicare rate for the member should be clearly written on the RA. Providers may send in a check with this packet for the overpayment or may ask that the State staff complete the adjustments and recoup from future payments.

The form can be accessed at:

<https://mainecare.maine.gov/Provider%20Forms/Forms/Publication.aspx?RootFolder=%2fProvider%20Forms%2fClaims&FolderCTID=&View=%7b550DD634%2d668F%2d47E9%2dB0DD%2d93CDCC1CD721%7d>

Thank you for working with MaineCare in making these adjustments.