Medicare drug coverage (Part D)
Medicare also offers drug coverage for everyone with Medicare, generally for an additional cost (premium). This would cover immunosuppressive and oral only drugs, but only if Part B doesn't cover them. To get drug coverage for your child, they must have Part A or Part B, and you must enroll them in a Medicare drug plan during an enrollment period. These plans are run by private insurance companies or other companies approved by Medicare. Each plan can vary in cost and drugs covered. If your child is enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan with drug coverage, they’ll get drug coverage through their plan, and can’t enroll in a separate drug plan.

When Medicare coverage ends
If your child gets Medicare because of permanent kidney failure and doesn’t qualify for Medicare for another reason, their Medicare coverage will end:
• 12 months after the last month of dialysis treatments.
• 36 months after the month of a kidney transplant.
Medicare coverage will resume if your child meets certain conditions.

What you pay
Generally, Part A pays for inpatient hospital services, and you pay a one-time yearly deductible. For Part B services, Medicare generally pays 80% of the Medicare-approved amount, after you pay the Part B yearly deductible. You pay the remaining 20% coinsurance. This is in addition to the Part B monthly premium. If your child has other health coverage, your costs may be different.

For dialysis services covered under Part B, the amount you pay may vary based on your child’s age and the type of dialysis they need. If your child is in a Medicare Advantage Plan, your costs may be different. Read the plan materials or contact the plan to get cost information.

Other ways to pay health care costs
In addition to Medicare, your state may have programs that offer additional help to cover your child’s health care costs. Visit Medicare.gov/talk-to-someone to get the phone number for your State Medical Assistance (Medicaid) office and learn more about these programs:
• Medicare Savings Programs
• Medicaid
• Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
• Kidney Disease Programs
Or, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) for more information. TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048. You have the right to get Medicare information in an accessible format, like large print, Braille, or audio. You also have the right to file a complaint if you feel you’ve been discriminated against. Visit Medicare.gov/about-us/accessibility-nondiscrimination-notice or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) for more information. TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

Know your rights
If your child has Medicare, they have certain guaranteed rights to help protect them. One of these is the right to a process for appealing decisions about health care payment or services. Whether they have Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage Plan, they have the right to file appeals and grievances. ESRD Networks and State Survey Agencies work together to help you with complaints (grievances) about your child’s dialysis or kidney transplant care.

Get more information
Visit Medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) to learn more about Medicare and ESRD. TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.
• To learn more about eligibility, coverage, and cost information, visit Medicare.gov/manage-your-health/i-have-end-stage-renal-disease-esrd/children-end-stage-renal-disease-esrd.
• To find a Medicare-certified dialysis facility in your area, visit Medicare.gov/plan-compare.
• For free health insurance counseling and personalized help, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP).*
• To get a report on a particular dialysis facility, call your State Survey Agency.*
• For more information on dialysis and transplants, or to file a grievance, call your state’s ESRD Network.*

*Visit Medicare.gov/talk-to-someone or call 1-800-MEDICARE to get the phone numbers for your State Survey Agency or ESRD Network. Visit shiphelp.org or call 1-800-MEDICARE to get the phone number for your local SHIP.

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If your child has End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), then they may be eligible for Medicare. Here’s how:

1. **End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)**: If your child has ESRD, they are eligible for Medicare.

2. **Kidney Transplant**: If your child has had a kidney transplant, they are eligible for Medicare.

3. **Long-Term Kidney Failure**: Your child may be eligible if they have lived with kidney failure for at least one year.

4. **Grandchild or Step-grandchild**: Your child may be eligible if they are a grandchild or step-grandchild (in some cases).

How to enroll your child in Medicare:

- Call 1-800-637-0512 (TTY 1-800-633-8481) to speak with a representative.
- You can also enroll by visiting your local Social Security office.

To enroll your child in Medicare, you must:

- Fill out an application.
- Provide proof of your child’s eligibility.
- Provide proof of your child’s income and resources.

Kidney transplant services covered under Medicare:

- **Inpatient Services**: Inpatient services in a Medicare-certified hospital.
- **Kidney Registry Fee**: The registry fee for your child's kidney transplant.
- **Medical Services**: Medical services provided by your child's doctor.
- **Immunosuppressive Drugs**: Drugs used to prevent your child's body from rejecting the transplant.
- **Home Dialysis**: Services provided in the home for dialysis.
- **Blood Work**: Blood tests necessary for dialysis.
- **Home Support Services**: Services to support your child's dialysis needs.
- **Medication**: Medications prescribed for your child.
- **Transportation**: Transportation to and from dialysis services.

Medicare also covers the full cost of your child's kidney transplant. This includes:

- The full cost of your child's kidney donation.
- The full cost of your child's kidney transplant.
- The full cost of your child's dialysis treatments.

Kidney dialysis services covered under Medicare:

- **Inpatient Dialysis**: Inpatient dialysis services provided in a Medicare-certified hospital.
- **Outpatient Dialysis**: Outpatient dialysis services provided in a Medicare-certified facility.
- **Home Dialysis**: Dialysis services provided in the home.
- **Blood Work**: Blood tests necessary for dialysis.
- **Immunosuppressive Drugs**: Drugs used to prevent your child's body from rejecting the transplant.
- **Home Support Services**: Services to support your child's dialysis needs.
- **Medication**: Medications prescribed for your child.
- **Transportation**: Transportation to and from dialysis services.

**Note**: Medicare does not cover transportation costs for dialysis services. You must pay for transportation costs separately.

For more information, visit Medicare.gov/kidney-dialysis.

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