

The limits to what KHC can do.

KHC cannot pay for all of your costs to take care of your kidneys. It will help pay for your costs only **after** your insurance and help from other programs have paid what they can.

KHC does **not** pay for any health-care costs for kidney **transplant** patients.

KHC does not help with the 20% Medicare Part B co-pay for dialysis.

KHC clients who have other health insurance cannot get KHC **health** benefits.

KHC clients who have other programs that pay for their mileage cannot get KHC **travel** benefits.

Your benefits with KHC will most likely change over time. Your benefits will change:

- when your Medicare starts
- if you get Medicaid
- if you start doing dialysis at home instead of at a dialysis center
- if you get a kidney transplant
- if you go back to getting dialysis at a dialysis center after getting a transplant or home dialysis

KHC and your travel costs.

KHC can help pay the cost for your mileage to get dialysis or health care for your kidney disease.

KHC will calculate the mileage from your home to the dialysis center or the doctor's office. Then, it will pay for the round-trip mileage of:

- up to 13 trips per month if you get dialysis at a dialysis center and your social worker sends in the claim.
- up to 4 trips per month if you get dialysis at home and you send in the claim.
- up to 4 trips per month if you had a kidney transplant and you send in the claim.

KHC can send your mileage check directly to your bank account when you sign up for direct deposit! Call KHC to find out how.

Kidney Health Care Program

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You just applied to KHC!



Why you have this flier.

You have this flier because you applied for Kidney Health Care (KHC). This flier will tell you the basics about KHC benefits.

You will soon get a letter in the mail that will tell you if you can get KHC benefits or not. If you can get benefits, the letter will tell you what benefits you have. And, you will also get a booklet with more details about KHC.

What is KHC?

KHC is a program of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). It helps people who have end-stage renal disease, or ESRD. Clients must be on dialysis or have had a kidney transplant.

All KHC applicants **must** apply for Medicare.

What can KHC do?

KHC can help pay your costs for:

- some health-care services
- some of your drugs on the KHC drug list
- mileage to the dialysis center
- mileage to get health care for your kidney disease
- premiums for Medicare Part D

KHC and your health costs before Medicare.

KHC can help pay for some of your health-care costs **until your Medicare starts.**

If you get dialysis **at a dialysis center**, KHC will pay for these things until your Medicare starts:

- Access surgery and hospital costs that go with that
- Up to 14 dialysis treatments per month.

If you get **dialysis at home**, KHC will pay for these things until your Medicare starts:

- Access surgery and hospital costs that go with that
- Training for how to do home dialysis
- Up to 31 home dialysis treatments per month.



There's more to learn about KHC.

If you have questions about KHC after you get your benefits letter, call us at 1-800-222-3986.

KHC and your Medicare drug costs.

KHC drug benefits depend on if you have Medicare or if you do not have it. You will find out what **your** benefits are when you get your letter from KHC.

You will have to go to a pharmacy that is enrolled with KHC.

KHC drug benefits are different before and after your Medicare starts.

Before your Medicare starts, or if you **cannot get** Medicare, KHC will:

- pay for 4 of your drugs on the KHC drug list per month. You will only have to pay \$6 for each of those drugs.

After your Medicare starts, **AND** you enroll in a Part D stand-alone Texas plan, KHC will help pay for:

- the monthly cost of your Medicare premium
- 4 of your drugs per month after Medicare Part D has paid its part.

If you got a **kidney transplant**, KHC will help pay for your immunosuppressant drugs:

- when you have Medicare Part B, and
- after your Medicare ends.