

As a result of the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology’s (ASPN) advocacy, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized the transitional pediatric ESRD add-on payment adjustment (TPEAPA) in the Calendar Year (CY) 2024 ESRD Prospective Payment System (PPS) and Quality Incentive Program (QIP) final rule. Since January 1, 2024, an add-on payment of 30% is being added to pediatric ESRD dialysis services for three years; all claims submitted to Medicare for patients 17 years old and younger will automatically receive this update as outlined in the final rule.

To determine the amount of the add-on payment in the CY 2024 rulemaking, CMS performed a statistical analysis in the absence of granular data on the costs specific to pediatric-specific staffing and supplies. When the TPEAPA expires at the end of 2026, future add-on payments will be determined based on data reported on pediatric dialysis care in the cost-reports. The free-standing dialysis center cost report has already been updated to reflect pediatric-specific staff and supplies, and ASPN is currently working with CMS to make similar updates to the hospital-based dialysis center cost report. It is critical for accurate information on pediatric dialysis services to be reported on the 2023, 2024, and 2025 cost reports, which will inform the amount of TPEAPA beginning January 1, 2027.

To help your centers accurately report this information, ASPN has developed this helpful guidance.

For Independent Dialysis Facilities:

1. Use form CMS-265-11
 - a. Link to form [here](#).
 - i. Can also be found by going to <https://www.cms.gov/>> Medicare> Regulations> Transmittals; or
 - ii. <https://www.cms.gov/>> Medicare> Regulations> Paper Based Manuals.
 - b. CMS added areas to input pediatric-specific data on staff and supplies:
 - i. Page 42-305: Lines 32-35 added for pediatric-specific staff.
 1. Added Child Life Specialists for Pediatric Patients, Registered Nurses-Pediatric, Nutritionists and Dietitians-Pediatric, and Pediatric Unit Staff to list of Renal Dialysis Facility Employees.

<i>32</i>	<i>Child Life/Other Specialists for Pediatric Patients</i>
<i>33</i>	<i>Registered Nurses - Pediatric</i>
<i>34</i>	<i>Nutritionists and Dieticians - Pediatric</i>
<i>35</i>	<i>Pediatric Unit Staff</i>

- ii. Page 42-306: Line 9
 1. Added a row for Supplies-Pediatric.

<i>9</i>	<i>0900</i>	<i>Supplies*</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>0901</i>	<i>Supplies-Pediatric*</i>

- iii. Pages 42-311, 42-311.1, 42-313,42-313.1 (Column 7.01)
 - 1. Added a column for Supplies-Pediatric.

SUPPLIES	<i>SUPPLIES- PEDIATRIC</i>
7	<i>7.01</i>

For Hospital-Based Renal Dialysis Departments:

- 2. Use form CMS-2552-10
 - a. Link to form [here](#).
 - i. Can also be found by going to <https://www.cms.gov/> > Medicare> Regulations> Transmittals; or
 - ii. <https://www.cms.gov/> > Medicare > Regulations > Paper Based Manuals.
 - b. CMS added areas to input data on pediatric-specific medical supplies, outpatient services, and composite payment services:
 - i. Page 40-617: Line 14.01
 - 1. Added a row for Pediatric Medical Supplies.

14	Supplies
<i>14.01</i>	<i>Pediatric Medical Supplies</i>

- ii. Page 40-618 (Outpatient Services): Lines 2.02, 3.02, 4.01, 5.01, 6.01, 7.01, 8.01, 9.01, 10.01, 11.01; Column 7.01
 - 1. Added rows for Maintenance: Hemodialysis-Pediatric, IPD-Pediatric, Training: Hemodialysis-Pediatric, IPD-Pediatric, CAPD-Pediatric, CCPD-Pediatric; and Home: Hemodialysis-Pediatric, IPD-Pediatric, CAPD-Pediatric, CCPD-Pediatric.

2.02	<i>Hemodialysis-Pediatric</i>
3	Intermittent Peritoneal
3.01	AKI-Intermittent Peritoneal
3.02	<i>IPD-Pediatric</i>
	TRAINING
4	Hemodialysis
4.01	<i>Hemodialysis-Pediatric</i>
5	Intermittent Peritoneal
5.01	<i>IPD-Pediatric</i>
6	CAPD
6.01	<i>CAPD-Pediatric</i>
7	CCPD
7.01	<i>CCPD-Pediatric</i>
	HOME
8	Hemodialysis
8.01	<i>Hemodialysis-Pediatric</i>
9	Intermittent Peritoneal
9.01	<i>IPD-Pediatric</i>
10	CAPD
10.01	<i>CAPD-Pediatric</i>
11	CCPD
11.01	<i>CCPD-Pediatric</i>

2. Added a column for Pediatric Medical Supplies (Column 7.01).

MEDICAL SUPPLIES	<i>PEDIATRIC MEDICAL SUPPLIES</i>
7	<i>7.01</i>

- iii. Page 40-619 (Composite Payment Services): Lines 2.02, 3.02, 4.01, 5.01, 6.01, 7.01, 8.01, 9.01, 10.01, 11.01; Column 7.01
 - 1. Added rows for Maintenance: Hemodialysis-Pediatric, IPD-Pediatric, Training: Hemodialysis-Pediatric, IPD-Pediatric, CAPD-Pediatric, CCPD-Pediatric; and Home: Hemodialysis-Pediatric, IPD-Pediatric, CAPD-Pediatric, CCPD-Pediatric.

2.02	<i>Hemodialysis-Pediatric</i>
3	Intermittent Peritoneal
3.01	AKI-Intermittent Peritoneal
3.02	<i>IPD-Pediatric</i>
TRAINING	
4	Hemodialysis
4.01	<i>Hemodialysis-Pediatric</i>
5	Intermittent Peritoneal
5.01	<i>IPD-Pediatric</i>
6	CAPD
6.01	<i>CAPD-Pediatric</i>
7	CCPD
7.01	<i>CCPD-Pediatric</i>
HOME	
8	Hemodialysis
8.01	<i>Hemodialysis-Pediatric</i>
9	Intermittent Peritoneal
9.01	<i>IPD-Pediatric</i>
10	CAPD
10.01	<i>CAPD-Pediatric</i>
11	CCPD
11.01	<i>CCPD-Pediatric</i>

2. Added a column for Pediatric Medical Supplies (Column 7.01).

MEDICAL SUPPLIES	<i>PEDIATRIC MEDICAL SUPPLIES</i>
7	<i>7.01</i>

- c. CMS did not add specific lines to allocate pediatric-specific staff time. ASPN is working with CMS to revise form CMS-2552-10 to include pediatric-specific staff (similar to what is included on CMS-265-11).
 - i. Until those changes are implemented, hospitals can allocate pediatric staff hours on worksheet I-2 and I-3 in the column titled “Direct Patient Care Salary.” Hours can be allocated to the pediatric-specific rows noted above in 2.b.ii.1 and 2.b.iii.1.

OUTPATIENT SERVICES COMPOSITE PAYMENT RATE		CAPITAL AND RELATED COSTS		DIRECT PATIENT CARE SALARY	
		BUILDING	EQUIPMENT	RNs	OTHER
		1	2	3	4
1	Total Renal Department Costs				
	MAINTENANCE				
2	Hemodialysis				
2.01	AKI-Hemodialysis				
2.02	<i>Hemodialysis-Pediatric</i>				
3	Intermittent Peritoneal				
3.01	AKI-Intermittent Peritoneal				
3.02	<i>IPD-Pediatric</i>				
	TRAINING				
4	Hemodialysis				
4.01	<i>Hemodialysis-Pediatric</i>				
5	Intermittent Peritoneal				
5.01	<i>IPD-Pediatric</i>				
6	CAPD				
6.01	<i>CAPD-Pediatric</i>				
7	CCPD				
7.01	<i>CCPD-Pediatric</i>				
	HOME				
8	Hemodialysis				
8.01	<i>Hemodialysis-Pediatric</i>				
9	Intermittent Peritoneal				
9.01	<i>IPD-Pediatric</i>				
10	CAPD				
10.01	<i>CAPD-Pediatric</i>				
11	CCPD				
11.01	<i>CCPD-Pediatric</i>				

More information is available, including Q&A, by watching this [webinar](#).