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Dialysis Facilities

Important Update on CMS Requirements for Oral-Only Phosphate Binders Effective January 1, 2025

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Effective January 1, 2025, the requirements for oral-only phosphate binders under the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System (PPS) have been updated by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Oral-only phosphate binders will now be included in the ESRD PPS bundled payment. Separate payments for these medications will no longer be provided. Instead, the cost of oral-only phosphate binders will be incorporated into the bundled payment rate for renal dialysis services. Patients will be directed to the dialysis center for fulfillment of these medications.

Key points:

- **Coverage:** All oral only phosphate binder medications for dialysis patients with ESRD, such as sevelamer carbonate, lanthanum carbonate, sucroferric oxyhydroxide, and ferric citrate, are now considered part of the bundled payment and will be reimbursed as such
- **Dispensing responsibility:** As a dialysis facility, you are now responsible for dispensing these oral phosphate binders directly to your ESRD patients
- **Billing implications:** Do not submit separate claims for oral phosphate binders; they will be included in the standard ESRD bundled payment

Please review your current medication management procedures to ensure compliance with this new CMS policy. If you have any questions regarding the implementation of this change, please contact your CMS Provider Relations Representative or view the *Calendar Year 2025 End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Final Rule (CMS-1805-F)* at [cms.gov](https://www.cms.gov).

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