

Provincial Clinical Policy



Title: Home Care - Dialysis Provided in the Home

Level: Provincial

Service Area: Home Care

Applicable to: All healthcare providers, organizations, and facilities across Manitoba involved in delivering health services provided or funded by the government or a health authority.

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1.0. Purpose

- 1.1. To outline general eligibility criteria for receiving dialysis in the home.
- 1.2. To outline the process by which an individual is accepted into home dialysis.

1.3. Background

- 1.3.1 Dialysis is provided in the home in some regional health authorities (RHAs) due to high numbers of people on dialysis in Manitoba. Dialysis provided in the home is under the direction of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) Manitoba Renal Program (MRP). There is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Manitoba Health and the WRHA for the coordination and delivery of services through the MRP. The WRHA, in turn, has a MOU with each RHA that operates a renal health/dialysis unit.

- 1.3.2 The primary impact of providing dialysis in the home is that it enables earlier discharge from hospital, prevents long term care placement in some situations, is less costly and prevents hospitalization.

2.0. Scope

- 2.1. Applies to all regional health authorities (RHA) in Manitoba, responsible for administering and coordinating Home Care and home dialysis services.
- 2.2. Applies to all Home Care and renal health/dialysis staff within an RHA, involved in assessing and delivering home dialysis services.

3.0. Definitions

3.1. Defined Terms

- 3.1.1 Access: Ability of clients or groups to obtain services in the most appropriate setting at the right time, based on their personal needs.
- 3.1.2 Caregiver: A person providing care to a client due to a prior relationship, which may include family members or individuals considered “family by choice” (e.g., friends or neighbors).
- 3.1.3 Dialysis: Treatment for people in the later stage of chronic renal insufficiency (kidney failure). This treatment cleans the blood and removes wastes and excess water from the body. Normally, healthy kidneys do this work.
- 3.1.4 Home Care: The coordinated delivery of a broad range of health and social services to meet the needs of the persons who require assistance or support in order to remain at home or whose functioning without Home Care is likely to deteriorate making it impossible for the person to stay at home in the community.
- 3.1.5 Reassessment: A specific activity, as well as an ongoing process involving the systematic re-evaluation of a patient’s or client’s needs and forms the basis for revising/refining a previously established treatment, care, and/or service plan.
- 3.1.6 Supplies and Equipment: Include but are not limited to the following supplies that support the client’s care plan:
- 3.1.6(a) Wound and dressing supplies;
 - 3.1.6(b) Incontinence supplies (urinary and bowel);

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- 3.1.6(c) Personal care support and mobility aids; and
- 3.1.6(d) Respiratory equipment.

3.2. Abbreviations

- 3.2.1 Manitoba Renal Program (MRP)
- 3.2.2 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- 3.2.1 Regional Health Authorities (RHA): Refers to regional health authorities established or continued under the Government of Manitoba, Health System Governance and Accountability Act.
- 3.2.2 Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA)

3.3. Professional Groupings

- 3.3.1 Home Care Case Coordinators (HCCC): A professional hired by the RHA to complete client assessments to determine eligibility, to develop the Care Plan with the client and/or family/designated other and refer exceptional case decisions to the Home Care Manager.

4.0. Policy

- 4.1. Home care clients shall have access to home dialysis in their private home, group home, or other community living environment based on available resources

4.2. Eligibility Criteria

- 4.2.1 Client eligibility is established when a Home Care Case Coordinator or RHA designated professional staff determines all of the following criteria are met:
 - 4.2.1(a) Eligibility for home care services;
 - 4.2.1(b) Medical stability; and
 - 4.2.1(c) The client and caregiver(s) agree to adhere to operational policies as set out by the RHA which may include but are not limited to:
 - frequency of therapy;
 - emergency procedures;
 - equipment and supplies;

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- personal care; and
 - sharing of information.
- 4.3. The request for home dialysis shall be assessed based on priority of the applicant's need, availability of appropriate resources, and original date the RHA received the request.
- 4.4. Reassessment for continued eligibility for dialysis in the home is the responsibility of the RHA in collaboration with client and caregiver and shall be integrated into ongoing operations.
- 4.5. **Care Provided**
- 4.5.1 Clients who are eligible for dialysis in the home receive:
- 4.5.1(a) Lifelong assistance if required;
 - 4.5.1(b) Case management by Home Care Case Coordinators or RHA designated staff; and
 - 4.5.1(c) Supplies and equipment as required for maintenance of the dialysis treatment plan.
- 4.6. **Discontinuation of Service**
- 4.6.1 Home dialysis may be terminated for any of the following reasons:
- 4.6.1(a) condition improved;
 - 4.6.1(b) condition deteriorated;
 - 4.6.1(c) personal care home placement;
 - 4.6.1(d) extended hospitalization;
 - 4.6.1(e) death;
 - 4.6.1(f) moved out of province;
 - 4.6.1(g) home dialysis no longer meets client's needs; and
 - 4.6.1(h) the client is unwilling to cooperate with treatment plans.
- 4.7. **Responsibilities**
- 4.7.1 Reassessments of individuals on the waiting list(s) are the responsibility of the RHA. The RHAs determine numbers of individuals

who may be accommodated on dialysis in their homes at any one time and may establish centralized waiting lists.

- 4.7.2 The RHA is responsible for monitoring the home dialysis through evaluations and other methods as determined by the RHA.

5.0. Procedure

- 5.1. Not Applicable

6.0. Resources

- 6.1. Not Applicable

7.0. References

7.1. Related Policy Documents

- 7.1.1 Government of Manitoba (2017). *HCS 207.1 Role of Family/Informal Support Network*. Home Care Policy Manual.
- 7.1.2 Government of Manitoba (2017). *HCS 207.2 General Eligibility*. Home Care Policy Manual.
- 7.1.3 Government of Manitoba (2017). *HCS 207.3 Service Level Policy*. Home Care Policy Manual.
- 7.1.4 Shared Health (2024). Provincial Clinical Policy, [630.105.116 Equipment and Supplies](#).

8.0. Contact(s)

- 8.1. Provincial Director Health Services, Primary, Home/Community and Palliative Care Program - Shared Health

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