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**CHAPTER 17: END STAGE RENAL DISEASE**

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### **OVERVIEW**

Dialysis treatment replaces the function of the kidneys, which normally serve as the body's natural filtration system. Through the use of a blood filter and a chemical solution known as dialysate, the treatment removes waste products and excess fluids from the bloodstream, while maintaining the proper chemical balance of the blood. There are two types of dialysis treatment: hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis.

Dialysis services are covered as an optional medical service for Louisiana Medicaid beneficiaries. Louisiana Medicaid will reimburse enrolled free-standing end stage renal disease (ESRD) facilities for the services outlined in this chapter to include, but not limited to, the following:

- Dialysis treatment including routine laboratory services;
- Medically necessary non-routine lab services; and
- Medically necessary injections.

The purpose of this chapter is to set forth the conditions and requirements of ESRD facilities for reimbursement under the Louisiana Medicaid Program.