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**Subject:** CAWEM benefit to include emergency dialysis services effective July 1, 2021

Effective July 1, 2021, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is adding emergency dialysis to the CAWEM (CWM) benefit package. This coverage is limited to provision of life-sustaining dialysis services in a hospital inpatient, outpatient surgery or emergency room setting, for CAWEM members with acute renal failure or end stage renal disease (ESRD). To support this change:

- The [Oregon Medicaid CAWEM Emergency Codes](#) list now contains the diagnosis codes that will be covered for emergency services effective July 1.
- OHA has filed a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) to remove dialysis from the list of services excluded from the CAWEM benefit.

### Why is this happening?

This change will allow CAWEM members who need life-sustaining dialysis to get the treatment they need.

### What should you do?

Starting July 1, please provide emergency dialysis services to treat CAWEM members diagnosed with acute renal failure or end stage renal disease as needed to sustain life during a medical emergency.

You can verify CAWEM eligibility for specific services as described in the [OHP Eligibility Verification Quick Reference](#).

Please bill OHA for covered dialysis services provided to CAWEM members through hospital billing, using the correct emergency indicators and covered diagnosis codes.

### Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, contact Provider Services 800-336-6016 or email [dmap.providerservices@dhs.oha.state.or.us](mailto:dmap.providerservices@dhs.oha.state.or.us).

Thank you for your continued support of CAWEM recipients.