

Dialysis Facility Compare's "Resources" tab includes the following additional information (continued)

**After visiting Dialysis Facility Compare, take a look at other resources available on [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).**

**MyMedicare.gov**—Register at MyMedicare.gov to get personalized information, like your health care claims and preventive services you can use, or for information about Medicare health and prescription drug plans in your area.

**Compare Medicare Prescription Drug and Health Plans**—Get a list of available plans and costs, find out which drugs are covered, and join a plan.

**Compare Medigap Policies**—Answer simple questions and get personalized health plan information to help you compare Medigap policies in your area.

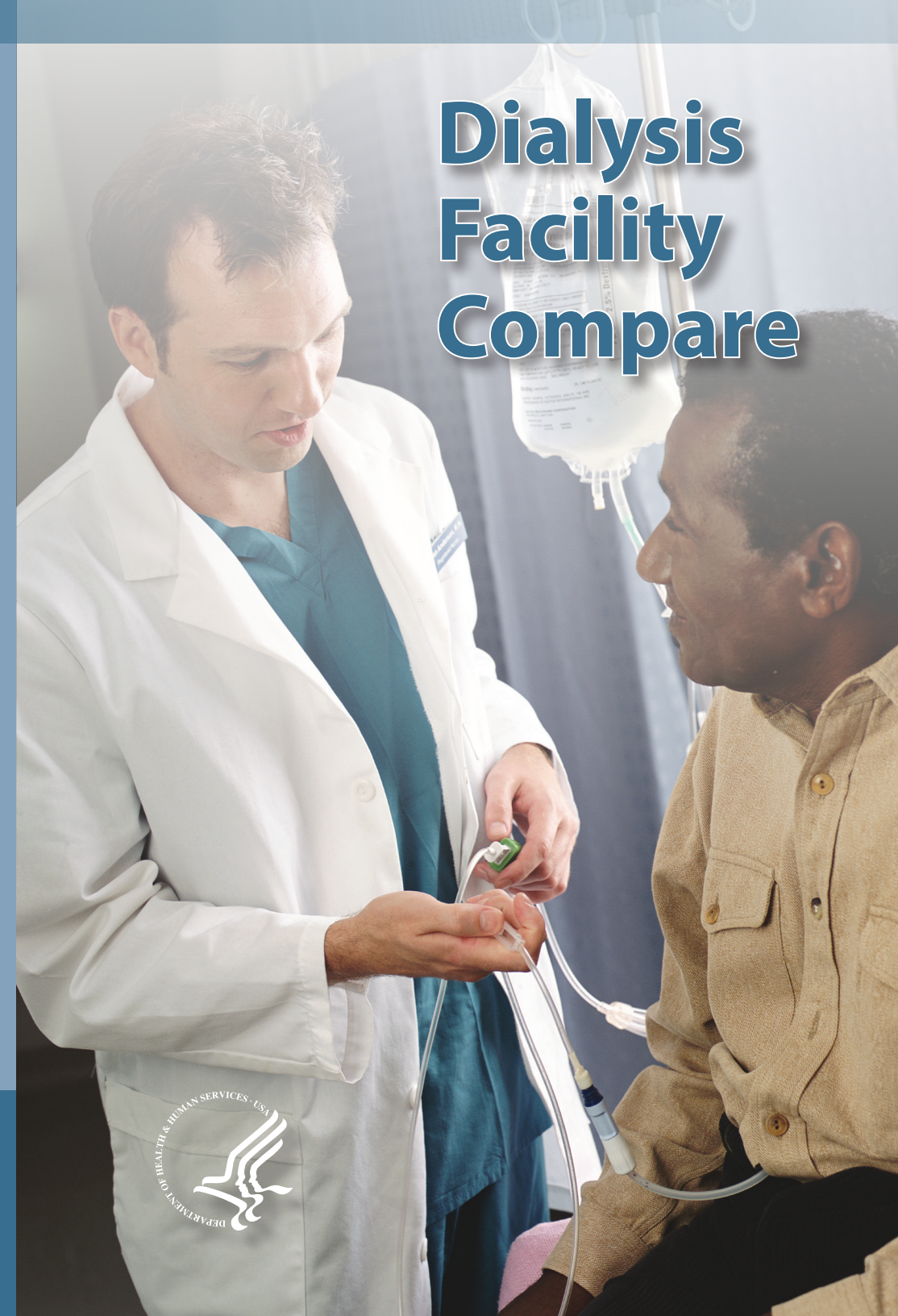
**Compare Home Health Agencies**—Compare home health agencies in your area by looking at quality information and the types of Medicare-covered services that are offered.

**Compare Hospitals**—Compare hospitals in your area to see how often hospitals have provided recommended treatments for certain medical conditions.

**Compare Nursing Homes**—Compare nursing homes in your area by specific features, quality information, state inspection results, and nursing staff information.

**Find Doctors and Suppliers**—Use these tools to find doctors, other health care professionals, or medical suppliers in your area that can best meet your needs.

# Dialysis Facility Compare



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## DIALYSIS FACILITY COMPARE

Dialysis Facility Compare, located at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov), is a tool to help you find dialysis facilities in your area. It has detailed information about Medicare-certified dialysis facilities and other resources for patients and family members who want to learn more about chronic kidney disease and dialysis. You can use this information to compare the services available and the quality of care that facilities provide in your area and around the country.

### Visit Dialysis Facility Compare to learn the following information:

- Name, address, and telephone number of the facility
- Whether the facility has shifts starting after 5:00 p.m.
- Number of hemodialysis treatment stations
- Types of dialysis offered
- Facility ownership type (profit or non-profit)
- Name of organization or corporation that owns or manages the facility
- Date the facility was first certified by Medicare

Dialysis facilities can vary in how well they take care of patients. The quality of care information on Dialysis Facility Compare helps you compare and choose facilities that offer good care. Good quality care means doing the right thing, at the right time, in the right way, for the right person—and getting the best possible results.

### Visit Dialysis Facility Compare to compare the quality of care that facilities provide based on the following:

- Percentage of patients whose anemia (low blood count) wasn't controlled
- Percentage of patients who had enough wastes removed from their blood during dialysis
- Patient survival rate

Each quality measure is explained in detail on the Web site, including information on how the data are gathered and calculated. You also can read about why these quality measures are important to a person getting dialysis treatment.

### How to Use Dialysis Facility Compare

**Step 1**—Visit [www.medicare.gov/dialysis](http://www.medicare.gov/dialysis).

**Step 2**—Choose how you would like to find a dialysis facility. You can search by facility name, within a certain distance of a city or ZIP code, or within a state or county. Enter the information.

**Step 3**—Select a dialysis facility to view more information about it. You can select up to 10 facilities at a time to compare.

You can compare the services and quality information on the screen or print individual summaries for each dialysis facility. Use these summaries when you talk with your doctor or other health care provider, or when you call or visit a dialysis facility.

The results of your search will also include information for your local End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network and State Survey Agency. These agencies help make sure that dialysis facilities are Medicare-certified and provide patients with quality care. You can use these contacts to get more information about dialysis or if you have a concern about your dialysis care.

### Dialysis Facility Compare's "Resources" tab includes the following additional information

**Publications**—View or print booklets about kidney disease, dialysis, and Medicare coverage.

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**—Get answers about kidney disease, treatment, and quality measures.

**Related Web sites**—Find other Web sites about kidney disease, dialysis, and transplants. You can also find Web sites for children, parents, and caregivers.

**Glossary**—Get definitions about dialysis-related terms used on the Web site.

**Quality Concerns**—Learn what to do if you have a concern or complaint about the quality of care you get from a dialysis facility.

**Patient Checklists**—Learn important questions to ask your health care team and dialysis facility.

**Kidney Dictionary**—Get definitions of commonly-used terms from the kidney disease dictionary provided by the National Institutes of Health.

**Patient Rights**—Find out about your rights as a person with kidney disease.