

**Nebraska Chronic Renal Disease Program  
Pharmacy Update – January 2018**



The Nebraska Chronic Renal Disease Program (CRD) is a client assistance program that provides payment for pharmaceutical and dialysis services to eligible Nebraska residents diagnosed with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). It does not cover the costs related to any other illness.

**Reimbursable Drug Formulary**

The Program's Reimbursable Drug Formulary has been updated and will go into effect on February 1, 2018. Only drugs listed on the Formulary are reimbursable through the CRD Program. The new Formulary will be available on the Program's webpage: [dhhs.ne.gov/renal](http://dhhs.ne.gov/renal) after February 1, and is also included with this fax.

It's important to note that all medications must be prescribed in order to be reimbursed and that only the listed vitamins – *specifically formulated for renal patients* – will be reimbursed. The Program reimburses for generic drugs, unless there is not a generic available. Drugs not available in generic form, are clearly noted on the Formulary.

**Pharmacy Reimbursement Procedures**

The Program's Reimbursement Procedures for Pharmacies have been updated. It is no longer necessary to indicate whether or not a Program client has prescription drug insurance coverage. The Program reimburses at the WAC (Wholesale Acquisition Cost) or SMAC (State Maximum Allowable Cost) rate – whichever is less. The most up-to-date Pharmacy Reimbursement Procedures are always accessible from the Program's webpage: [dhhs.ne.gov/renal](http://dhhs.ne.gov/renal), and are also included with this fax.

Feel free to contact the Program at any time with questions or to check a drug's reimbursement price. The drug NDC number and quantity prescribed are needed to check pricing.