

ESRD is that stage of renal impairment that appears irreversible and permanent, and requires a regular course of dialysis or kidney transplant to maintain life. A facility furnishes at least one specific ESRD service (i.e. transplantation services, dialysis services, and self-dialysis and home dialysis training).

*Renal Transplantation Center-* A hospital unit which is approved to furnish, directly, transplantation and other medical and surgical specialty services required for the care of ESRD transplant patients, including inpatient dialysis furnished directly or under arrangement. A renal transplantation center may also be a renal dialysis center.

*Renal Dialysis Center-* A renal dialysis center is a hospital unit that is approved to furnish the full spectrum of diagnostic, therapeutic, and rehabilitative services required for the care of ESRD dialysis patients (including inpatient dialysis furnished directly or under arrangement and outpatient dialysis). A hospital need not provide renal transplantation to qualify as a renal dialysis center.

*Renal Dialysis Facility-* A renal dialysis facility is a unit that is approved to furnish dialysis service(s) directly to ESRD patients.

*Self Dialysis Unit-* A self-dialysis unit is a unit that is part of an approved renal transplantation center, renal dialysis center, or renal dialysis facility, and which furnishes self-dialysis services.

**Definition:**

**State:** A facility must obtain a permit.

**Federal:** A center choosing to participate in federal programs must be certified.

**Legal Authority:**

**O.C.G.A. § 31-7-1**, Title 31- Health; Chapter 44- Renal Disease Facilities

**O.C.G.A. § 31-2-9, Rules and regulations**

**O.C.G.A. § 31-2-11, Actions against applicants or licensees**

*[Official Code of Georgia Annotated](#)*

**Rules:**

**State:**

- [Rules and Regulations for End Stage Renal Disease Facilities](#), Chapter 290-9-9, effective December 26, 2001
- [Enforcement of Licensing Requirements](#), Chapter 290-1-6, effective August 16, 1993

**Federal:**

- [Federal Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled](#), CFR Title 42, Chapter IV, Part 405, 405.2135 through 405.2171 To obtain more information about certification and general information on End Stage Renal Dialysis (ESRD) facilities, visit the CMS (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services) website: [End Stage Renal Disease \(ESRD\) Center](#)

**Fees:**

- Permit: Charge. Check application packet for fee schedule.

**Other Resources:**

The following CMS website provides important information and resources for patients and family members who want to learn more about chronic kidney disease and dialysis.

[Dialysis Facility Compare Website](#)