§ 1395k. Scope of benefits; definitions

(a) Scope of benefits

The benefits provided to an individual by the insurance program established by this part shall consist of—

(I) entitlement to have payment made to him or on his behalf (subject to the provisions of this part) for medical and other health services, except those described in subparagraphs (B) and (D) of paragraph (2) and subparagraphs (E) and (F) of section 1395u (b)(6) of this title; and

(2) entitlement to have payment made on his behalf (subject to the provisions of this part) for—

(A) home health services (other than items described in subparagraph (G) or subparagraph (I));

(B) medical and other health services (other than items described in subparagraph (G) or subparagraph (I)) furnished by a provider of services or by others under arrangement with them made by a provider of services, excluding—

(i) physician services except where furnished by—

(I) a resident or intern of a hospital, or

(II) a physician to a patient in a hospital which has a teaching program approved as specified in paragraph (6) of section 1395x (b) of this title (including services in conjunction with the teaching programs of such hospital whether or not such patient is an inpatient of such hospital) where the conditions specified in paragraph (7) of such section are met,

(ii) services for which payment may be made pursuant to section 1395n (b)(2) of this title,

(iii) services described by section 1395x (s)(2)(K)(i) of this title, certified nurse-midwife services, qualified psychologist services, and services of a certified registered nurse anesthetist; ¹

(iv) services of a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist but only if no facility or other provider charges or is paid any amounts with respect to the furnishing of such services; and ²

(C) outpatient physical therapy services (other than services to which the second sentence of section 1395x (p) of this title applies), outpatient occupational therapy services (other than services to which such sentence applies through the operation of section 1395x (g) of this title), and outpatient speech-language pathology services (other than services to which the second sentence of section 1395x (p) of this title applies through the application of section 1395x (ll)(2) of this title);

(D) (i) rural health clinic services and

(ii) Federally qualified health center services;

(E) comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility services;

(F) facility services furnished in connection with surgical procedures specified by the Secretary—

(i) pursuant to section 1395l (i)(1)(A) of this title and performed in an ambulatory surgical center (which meets health, safety, and other standards specified by the Secretary in regulations) if the center has an agreement in effect with the Secretary by which the center agrees to accept the standard overhead amount determined under section 1395l
(i)(2)(A) of this title as full payment for such services (including intraocular lens in cases described in section 1395l (i)(2)(A)(iii) of this title) and to accept an assignment described in section 1395u (b)(3)(B)(ii) of this title with respect to payment for all such services (including intraocular lens in cases described in section 1395l (i)(2)(A)(iii) of this title) furnished by the center to individuals enrolled under this part, or

(ii) pursuant to section 1395l (i)(1)(B) of this title and performed by a physician, described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of section 1395x (r) of this title, in his office, if the Secretary has determined that—

(I) a quality improvement organization (having a contract with the Secretary under part B of subchapter XI of this chapter) is willing, able, and has agreed to carry out a review (on a sample or other reasonable basis) of the physician’s performing such procedures in the physician’s office,

(II) the particular physician involved has agreed to make available to such organization such records as the Secretary determines to be necessary to carry out the review, and

(III) the physician is authorized to perform the procedure in a hospital located in the area in which the office is located,

and if the physician agrees to accept the standard overhead amount determined under section 1395l (i)(2)(B) of this title as full payment for such services and to accept payment on an assignment-related basis with respect to payment for all services (including all pre- and post-operative services) described in paragraphs (1) and (2)(A) of section 1395x (s) of this title and furnished in connection with such surgical procedure to individuals enrolled under this part;

(G) covered items (described in section 1395m (a)(13) of this title) furnished by a provider of services or by others under arrangements with them made by a provider of services;

(H) outpatient critical access hospital services (as defined in section 1395x (mm)(3) of this title);

(I) prosthetic devices and orthotics and prosthetics (described in section 1395m (h)(4) of this title) furnished by a provider of services or by others under arrangements with them made by a provider of services; and

(J) partial hospitalization services provided by a community mental health center (as described in section 1395x (ff)(2)(B) of this title).

(b) Definitions

For definitions of “spell of illness”, “medical and other health services”, and other terms used in this part, see section 1395x of this title.

Footnotes

1 So in original. The semicolon probably should be a comma.

2 So in original. The word “and” probably should not appear.
Amendments


2008—Subsec. (a)(2)(C). Pub. L. 106–554 substituted “outpatient” for “and outpatient” and inserted “, and outpatient speech-language pathology services (other than services to which the second sentence of section 1395x (p) of this title applies through the application of section 1395x (ll)(2) of this title)” before semicolon at end.

2000—Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 106–554 redesignated subsec. (c) as (b) and struck out former subsec. (b), which related to extension of coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for individuals who would exhaust benefits under section 1395x (s)(2)(J)(v) of this title in a year during the 5-year period beginning with 2000, and set forth provisions relating to extension periods for each year.

1999—Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 106–113 added subsec. (b) and redesignated former subsec. (b) as (c).

1997—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 105–33, § 4603(c)(2)(B)(ii), substituted “subparagraphs (E) and (F) of section 1395u (b)(6) of this title;” for “section 1395u (b)(6)(E) of this title;”.

Subsec. (a)(2)(B)(iv). Pub. L. 105–33, § 4511(c), substituted “but only if no facility or other provider charges or is paid any amounts with respect to the furnishing of such services” for “provided in a rural area (as defined in section 1395ww (d)(2)(D) of this title)”.

Subsec. (a)(2)(H). Pub. L. 105–33, § 4201(c)(1), substituted “critical access” for “rural primary care”.


1989—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101–234, § 201(a), repealed Pub. L. 100–360, §§ 203(a), 205 (a), and provided that the provisions of law amended or repealed by such sections are restored or revived as if such sections had not been enacted, see 1988 Amendment notes below.

Subsec. (a)(2)(H). Pub. L. 101–234, § 201(a)(2), inserted sentence at end relating to in-home care provided to a chronically dependent individual on any day.


Pub. L. 100–360, § 203(a), inserted “and home intravenous drug therapy services” before semicolon at end.


Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100–360, § 104(d)(3), substituted “definitions of ‘medical and other health services’ and” for “definitions of ‘spell of illness’, ‘medical and other health services’, and”.

1987—Subsec. (a)(2)(A). Pub. L. 100–203, § 4062(d)(2)(A), inserted “(other than items described in subparagraph (G))” after “services”.

Subsec. (a)(2)(B). Pub. L. 100–203, § 4062(d)(2)(B), inserted “(other than items described in subparagraph (G))” after “services”.


Pub. L. 100–203, § 4073(b)(1), which directed the addition of cl. (iv) relating to certified nurse-midwife services, was repealed by Pub. L. 100–360, § 411(h)(4)(A).


Subsec. (a)(2)(C). Pub. L. 99–509, § 9337(a), amended subpar. (C) generally. Prior to amendment, subpar. (C) read as follows: “outpatient physical therapy services, other than services to which the next to last sentence of section 1395x (p) of this title applies”.


1984—Subsec. (a)(2)(F)(ii). Pub. L. 98–369, § 2341(b), substituted “paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of section 1395x (r) of this title” for “section 1395x (r)(1) of this title”.


Subsec. (a)(2)(B)(ii)(II). Pub. L. 96–499, § 948(a)(2), substituted “where the conditions specified in paragraph (7) of such section are met” for “, unless either clause (A) or (B) of paragraph (7) of such section is met”.


1977—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 95–210, § 1(a)(1), substituted “subparagraphs (B) and (D) of paragraph (2)” for “paragraph (2)(B)”.


1972—Subsec. (a)(2)(B). Pub. L. 92–603, § 227(e)(1), inserted provisions relating to medical and other health services performed by a physician to a patient in a hospital which has an approved teaching program.

Subsec. (a)(2)(C). Pub. L. 92–603, § 251(a)(4), inserted “, other than services to which the next to last sentence of section 1395x (p) of this title applies”.

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NB: This unofficial compilation of the U.S. Code is current as of Jan. 4, 2012 (see http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/usprint.html).
1968—Subsec. (a)(2)(B). Pub. L. 90–248, § 129(c)(6)(B), inserted “and the services for which payment may be made pursuant to section 1395n (b)(2) of this title” after “hospital”.


Effective Date of 2011 Amendment
Amendment by Pub. L. 112–40 applicable to contracts entered into or renewed on or after Jan. 1, 2012, see section 261(e) of Pub. L. 112–40, set out as a note under section 1320c of this title.

Effective Date of 2008 Amendment
Pub. L. 110–275, title I, § 143(c), July 15, 2008, 122 Stat. 2543, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 1395l, 1395n, 1395x, 1395y, and 1395nn of this title] shall apply to services furnished on or after July 1, 2009.”

Effective Date of 1997 Amendment
Amendment by section 4201(c)(1) of Pub. L. 105–33 applicable to services furnished on or after Oct. 1, 1997, see section 4201(d) of Pub. L. 105–33, set out as a note under section 1395f of this title.

Amendment by section 4432(b)(5)(B) of Pub. L. 105–33 applicable to items and services furnished on or after July 1, 1998, see section 4432(d) of Pub. L. 105–33, set out as a note under section 1395i–3 of this title.

Section 4511(e) of Pub. L. 105–33 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 1395l, 1395x, 1395y, 1395cc, and 1395nn of this title] shall apply with respect to services furnished and supplies provided on and after January 1, 1998.”

Amendment by section 4603(c)(2)(B)(ii) of Pub. L. 105–33 applicable to cost reporting periods beginning on or after Oct. 1, 1999, except as otherwise provided, see section 4603(d) of Pub. L. 105–33, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1395fff of this title.

Effective Date of 1990 Amendment
Section 4153(a)(3) of Pub. L. 101–508 provided that: “The amendments made by paragraphs (1) and (2) [amending this section and sections 1395l and 1395m of this title] shall apply to items furnished on or after January 1, 1991.”

Section 4155(e) of Pub. L. 101–508 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 1395l, 1395u, and 1395x of this title] shall apply to services furnished on or after January 1, 1991.”

Section 4157(d) of Pub. L. 101–508 provided that: “The amendments made by the preceding subsections [amending this section and sections 1395x, 1395y, and 1395cc of this title] apply to services furnished on or after January 1, 1991.”

Section 4161(a)(8) of Pub. L. 101–508 provided that:

“(A) Subject to subparagraphs (B) and (C), the amendments made by this section [probably means this subsection, which amended this section and sections 1320a–7b, 1395l, 1395x, 1395y, and 1395oo of this title] shall apply to services furnished on or after October 1, 1991.

“(B) In the case of a Federally qualified health care center that has elected, as of January 1, 1990, under part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act [this part], to have the amount of payments for services under such part determined on a reasonable-charge basis, the amendment made by paragraph (3)(A) [amending this section] shall only apply on and after such date (not earlier than October 1, 1991) as the center may elect.

“(C) The amendment made by paragraph (6) [amending section 1395oo of this title] shall apply to cost reports for periods beginning on or after October 1, 1991.”

Section 4162(c) of Pub. L. 101–508 provided that: “The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) [amending this section and sections 1395x and 1395cc of this title] shall apply with respect to partial hospitalization services provided on or after October 1, 1991.”

Effective Date of 1989 Amendment

Amendment by section 201(a) of Pub. L. 101–234 effective Jan. 1, 1990, see section 201(c) of Pub. L. 101–234, set out as a note under section 1320a–7a of this title.
Effective Date of 1988 Amendment

Amendment by section 104(d)(3) of Pub. L. 100–360 effective Jan. 1, 1989, except as otherwise provided, and applicable to inpatient hospital deductible for 1989 and succeeding years, to care and services furnished on or after Jan. 1, 1989, to premiums for January 1989 and succeeding months, and to blood or blood cells furnished on or after Jan. 1, 1989, see section 104(a) of Pub. L. 100–360, set out as a note under section 1395d of this title.

Amendment by section 203(a) of Pub. L. 100–360 applicable to items and services furnished on or after Jan. 1, 1990, see section 203(g) of Pub. L. 100–360, set out as a note under section 1320c–3 of this title.

Section 205(f) of Pub. L. 100–360, which provided that the amendments made by section 205 of Pub. L. 100–360 [amending this section and sections 1395l, 1395n, 1395x, and 1395y of this title] were applicable to items and services furnished on or after January 1, 1990, was repealed by Pub. L. 101–234, title II, § 201(a), Dec. 13, 1989, 103 Stat. 1981.

Except as specifically provided in section 411 of Pub. L. 100–360, amendment by section 411(g)(2)(E), (h)(4)(A), (7)(B), (i)(4)(C)(vi) of Pub. L. 100–360, as it relates to a provision in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987, Pub. L. 100–203, effective as if included in the enactment of that provision in Pub. L. 100–203, see section 411(a) of Pub. L. 100–360, set out as a Reference to OBRA; Effective Date note under section 106 of Title 1, General Provisions.

Effective Date of 1987 Amendment

Amendment by section 4062(d)(2) of Pub. L. 100–203 applicable to covered items (other than oxygen and oxygen equipment) furnished on or after Jan. 1, 1989, and to oxygen and oxygen equipment furnished on or after June 1, 1989, see section 4062(e) of Pub. L. 100–203, as amended, set out as a note under section 1395f of this title.

Section 4073(e) of Pub. L. 100–203 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 1395l, 1395x, and 1396d of this title] shall be effective with respect to services performed on or after July 1, 1988.”

Section 4077 (b)(5), formerly § 4077(b)(6), of Pub. L. 100–203, as renumbered by Pub. L. 100–360, title IV, § 411(h)(7)(F), July 1, 1988, 102 Stat. 787, provided that: “The amendments made by this subsection [amending this section and sections 1395l and 1395x of this title] shall be effective with respect to services performed on or after July 1, 1988.”

Effective Date of 1986 Amendment

Section 9320(i) of Pub. L. 99–509, as amended by Pub. L. 100–485, title VI, § 608(c)(1), Oct. 13, 1988, 102 Stat. 2412, provided that: “Except as provided in subsection (k) [set out below], the amendments made by this section (other than subsection (a)) [amending this section and sections 1395l, 1395u, 1395x, 1395y, 1395aa, 1395bb, 1395cc, 1395ww, 1396a, and 1396n of this title] shall apply to services furnished on or after January 1, 1989.”

Section 9337(e) of Pub. L. 99–509 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 1395l, 1395n, 1395x, and 1395cc of this title] shall apply to expenses incurred for outpatient occupational therapy services furnished on or after July 1, 1987.”

Effective Date of 1984 Amendment

Section 2341(d) of Pub. L. 98–369 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 1395x of this title] apply to services furnished on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [July 18, 1984].”

Amendment by section 2354(b)(6) of Pub. L. 98–369 effective July 18, 1984, but not to be construed as changing or affecting any right, liability, status, or interpretation which existed (under the provisions of law involved) before that date, see section 2354(e)(1) of Pub. L. 98–369, set out as a note under section 1320a–1 of this title.

Effective Date of 1982 Amendment

Amendment by Pub. L. 97–248 effective with respect to contracts entered into or renewed on or after Sept. 3, 1982, see section 149 of Pub. L. 97–248, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1320c of this title.

Effective Date of 1980 Amendment

Amendment by section 930(g) of Pub. L. 96–499 effective with respect to services furnished on or after July 1, 1981, see section 930(s)(1) of Pub. L. 96–499, set out as a note under section 1395x of this title.

Section 933(h) of Pub. L. 96–499 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 1395n, 1395x, 1395z, and 1395aa of this title] shall become effective with respect to a comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility’s first accounting period which begins on or after July 1, 1981.”

Amendment by section 948(a)(2) of Pub. L. 96–499 applicable with respect to cost accounting periods beginning on or after Oct. 1, 1978, see section 948(c)(1) of Pub. L. 96–499, set out as a note under section 1395x of this title.
Effective Date of 1977 Amendment

Section 1(j) of Pub. L. 95–210 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 1395l, 1395x, 1395y, and 1395aa of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 1395l and 1395x of this title] shall apply to services rendered on or after the first day of the third calendar month which begins after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 13, 1977].”

Effective Date of 1972 Amendment

Amendment by section 227(e)(1) of Pub. L. 92–603 applicable with respect to accounting periods beginning after June 30, 1973, see section 227(g) of Pub. L. 92–603, set out as a note under section 1395x of this title.

Amendment by section 251(a)(4) of Pub. L. 92–603 applicable with respect to services furnished on or after July 1, 1973, see section 251(d)(1) of Pub. L. 92–603, set out as a note under section 1395x of this title.

Effective Date of 1968 Amendment

Amendment by section 129(c)(6)(B) of Pub. L. 90–248 applicable with respect to services furnished after Mar. 31, 1968, see section 129(d) of Pub. L. 90–248, set out as a note under section 1395d of this title.

Section 133(g) of Pub. L. 90–248 provided that: “The amendments made by the preceding subsections of this section [amending this section and sections 1395n, 1395x, 1395aa, and 1395cc of this title] shall apply to services furnished after June 30, 1968.”

Construction of 2008 Amendment

Pub. L. 110–275, title I, § 143(d), July 15, 2008, 122 Stat. 2543, provided that: “Nothing in this section [amending this section and sections 1395l, 1395n, 1395x, 1395y, 1395cc, and 1395nn of this title] shall be construed to affect existing regulations and policies of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services that require physician oversight of care as a condition of payment for speech-language pathology services under part B of the Medicare program [42 U.S.C. 1395j et seq.].”

Construction of 1986 Amendment

Section 9320(j) of Pub. L. 99–509 provided that: “Nothing in this section or the amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 1395l, 1395u, 1395x, 1395y, 1395aa, 1395bb, 1395cc, 1395ww, 1396a, and 1396n of this title, enacting provisions set out as notes under section 1395d of this title, and amending provisions set out as a note under section 1395ww of this title] shall contravene provisions of State law relating to the practice of medicine or nursing or State law requirements or institutional requirements regarding the administration of anesthesia and its medical direction or supervision.”

Report on Immunosuppressive Drug Benefit


Quality and Utilization of In-Home Care for Chronically Dependent Individuals

Section 205(e)(2) of Pub. L. 100–360 directed Secretary of Health and Human Services to take appropriate efforts to assure quality and provide for appropriate utilization of in-home care for chronically dependent individuals under the amendments made by section 205 of Pub. L. 100–360 [amending this section and sections 1395l, 1395n, 1395x, and 1395y of this title], prior to repeal by Pub. L. 101–234, title II, § 201(a), Dec. 13, 1989, 103 Stat. 1981.

Study of Alternative Out-of-Home Services

Section 205(g) of Pub. L. 100–360, which required Secretary of Health and Human Services to study, and report to Congress, not later than 18 months after July 1, 1988, on advisability of providing, to chronically dependent individuals eligible for in-home care under amendments made by section 205 of Pub. L. 100–360 [amending this section and sections 1395l, 1395n, 1395x, and 1395y of this title], out-of-home services as alternative services to in-home care, was repealed by Pub. L. 101–234, title II, § 201(a), Dec. 13, 1989, 103 Stat. 1981.
Continuation of Cost Pass-Through for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists


“(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 1395l, 1395u, 1395x, 1395y, 1395aa, 1395bb, 1395cc, 1395ww, 1396a, and 1396n of this title and provisions set out as a note under section 1395ww of this title] shall not apply during a year (beginning with 1989) to a hospital located in a rural area (as defined for purposes of section 1886(d) of the Social Security Act [section 1395ww (d) of this title]) if the hospital establishes, at any time before the year,[,] to the satisfaction of the Secretary of Health and Human Services that—

“(A) as of January 1, 1988, the hospital employed or contracted with a certified registered nurse anesthetist (but not
more than one full-time equivalent certified registered nurse anesthetist),

“(B) in 1987 the hospital had a volume of surgical procedures (including inpatient and outpatient procedures) requiring anesthesia services that did not exceed 500 (or such higher number as the Secretary determines to be appropriate), and

“(C) each certified registered nurse anesthetist employed by, or under contract with, the hospital has agreed not to bill
under part B of title XVIII of such Act [this part] for professional services furnished by the anesthetist at the hospital.

“(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply in a year (after 1989) to a hospital unless the hospital establishes, before the beginning
of the year, that the hospital has had a volume of surgical procedures (including inpatient and outpatient procedures)
requiring anesthesia services in the previous year that did not exceed 500 (or such higher number as the Secretary
determines to be appropriate).”

[Section 6132(b) of Pub. L. 101–239 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending section 9320(k)
of Pub. L. 99–509, set out above] shall apply to services furnished on or after January 1, 1990.”]

Payment for Services of Physicians Rendered in a Teaching Hospital for Accounting Periods Beginning After June 30, 1975, and Prior to October 1, 1978; Studies, Reports, etc.; Effective Dates

Pub. L. 93–233, § 15(a)(2), Dec. 31, 1973, 87 Stat. 966, provided that for the cost accounting periods beginning after June 30, 1975, and prior to Oct. 1, 1978, subsec. (a)(2)(B)(i) of this section will be administered as if subclause II of subsec. (a)(2)(B)(i) read as follows: “(II) a physician to a patient in a hospital which has a teaching program approved as specified in paragraph (6) of section 1861 (b) [section 1395x (b)(6) of this title] (including services in conjunction with the teaching programs of such hospital whether or not such patient is an inpatient of such hospital), where the conditions specified in paragraph (7) of such section [section 1395x (b)(7) of this title] are met and”. 