

Home dialysis electricity concession

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If you do not speak English, request an interpreter from SA Health and the Department will make every effort to provide you with an interpreter in your language.



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From 1 January 2012 SA Health will provide an electricity concession for patients who undertake dialysis at home.

The concession is part of SA Health's commitment under the SA Health Care Plan 2010-2017 to ensure patients throughout South Australia have the opportunity to access health care in the home.

Am I eligible?

Any person undergoing dialysis treatment at home is eligible to receive the electricity concession provided that the concession is approved by a SA Health practitioner.

How will the electricity concession assist?

The home dialysis electricity concession will contribute to the running cost of dialysis equipment at home.

The electricity concession will complement existing concessions administered by the Government of South Australia and the Australian Government for the use of medical equipment at home.

How much is the electricity concession?

The concession will be \$165 per year regardless of whether treatment changes during the year.

How will the electricity concession be paid?

The concession will be administered by the health site where you receive treatment and the payment will be made directly into your bank account during April or May each year.

How do I apply?

To apply you are required to fill out a Dialysis Concession application form which can be obtained from your hospital renal unit.

The form will need to be completed by you and a SA Health practitioner and returned to the hospital renal unit for processing by the end of February 2012.

To receive subsequent annual concession payments you will need to submit an application form each year.

Can an application be submitted on my behalf?

A parent or guardian can submit an application on behalf of children under 18 years. A person holding power of attorney may also sign the application on behalf of the applicant.

What if my treatment status or personal details change?

If your eligibility to receive the concession changes or you need to update personal details such as your address or bank account, please advise the renal unit immediately.

How can home dialysis benefit you?

If you currently have dialysis treatment in a public hospital or dialysis centre, home dialysis is an alternative treatment option that can provide you with more independence and flexibility. You will no longer have to plan activities around pre-determined appointments and can receive treatment in the comfort of your own home.

For more information about home dialysis speak with your SA Health practitioner.