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SCAL Electrolysis Providers



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How do I submit my claims to Kaiser Permanente?

We encourage you to submit your claims electronically, using EDI for CMS 1500 claim submissions.

[See Appendix for EDI flyer.](#)

What form can be used to bill for services rendered to Kaiser Permanente members?

If a paper claim must be submitted, use only the original red lined CMS 1500 form for professional claims. Photocopies are not acceptable.

How do I know which Kaiser Permanente entity to bill?

It is important to bill the Kaiser Permanente entity associated with the member receiving services. For example, if the member is self-funded, bill the Kaiser Permanente self-funded entity for payment.

Kaiser Permanente membership cards include claim submission details on the back of the card for reference.

Claims submitted to the wrong Kaiser Permanente entity are not processed and must be resubmitted to the correct address/payor ID.

[See Appendix for an example Kaiser Permanente membership card in the Provider Reference Guide.](#)

How do I fill out the CMS 1500 form?

Providers are required to follow Medicare guidelines for completing the CMS 1500 claim form.

Please reference your contract, annual communication materials and authorization for appropriate CPT codes.

For more information on the form and definitions please refer to the [CMS 1500 Sample Form and Field Definitions](#).



Claim Submission

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What to Do

How do I submit a corrected/replacement CMS 1500 claim?

When submitting a corrected CMS 1500 form:

- Enter code 7 in Box 22 in the *Resubmission Code* section, **and**
- Enter the original Kaiser Permanente claim number being replaced in the *Original Ref. No.* section

Note: If you submit a correction or changes to a claim without indicating **both** the appropriate resubmission code **and** original claim number, the claim will deny as it is duplicate to the original claim.

How long does it take to receive payment?

Please allow up to 45 business days from the date Kaiser Permanente receives the claim.

How long do I have to submit my claims to Kaiser Permanente?

All claims for services provided to Kaiser Permanente members must be submitted within the timely filing period of ninety (90) calendar days (or as specified in your contract or Letter of Agreement) after the date of service. The timely filing period includes the submission of original as well as any subsequent corrected or replacement claims.



Claim Status and Determinations

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What to Do

What if my claim is denied for timely filing?

Claims submitted for reconsideration of timely filing denial must be formally disputed with supporting documentation that indicates the claim was initially submitted within the appropriate time frames. Kaiser Permanente accepts system generated reports that indicate the original date of claim submission and acceptance. Please note that handwritten or typed documentation is not acceptable proof of timely filing.

How can I check the status of my claim?

Access claim status 24/7 by using our provider KP Online Affiliate Link self-service tool.

- To register for access to KP Online Affiliate Link, visit: <http://providers.kaiserpermanente.org>
- Registering for the Online Affiliate Link portal allows you to check member benefits, eligibility, and submit provider disputes
- For questions, email: KP-SCAL-OnlineAffiliate@kp.org

You can also check your claim status as a guest user without registering for KP Online Affiliate Link.

If you are unable to resolve your questions through KP Online Affiliate Link, call the Member Services Contact Center (MSCC) at (800) 390-3510.

See Appendix for the KP Online Affiliate Link Fact Sheet and Online Affiliate Link Quick Reference Guide.



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What is an Explanation of Payment (EOP) or Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA/835)?

Explanation of Payment (EOP) or Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA/835) documents provide a detailed explanation of payment, including:

- Patient information – benefit, MRN
- Claim information – billed services, claim reference number
- Payment information – pricing detail, member cost share, etc.

When multiple claims are adjudicated during the same time frame, the claim payment information is consolidated into one EOP or ERA and a single check or Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) is issued for the total combined amount.

EOPs are available in the KP Online Affiliate Link from two locations:

Option 1: From the home page, select the *Claims* drop-down then *Remittance Advice*.

Option 2: When viewing claims under the *Claims Search* option, an EOP can be download by selecting the URL under *Check #*.

What are the remark codes on the Explanation of Payment (EOP)?

Kaiser Permanente uses industry standard reason codes on the EOP:

- Claim Adjustment Reason Codes (CARC)
- Remittance Advice Reason Codes (RARC)

Click the link to learn more about these codes:

<http://www.wpc-edi.com/reference/codelists/healthcare/remittance-advice-remark-codes/>

How do I read my EOP?

To learn more about the EOP, watch this brief video: <https://kp.gumuccloud.com/view/EOP-and-EOB-Updates--Ext-#/>



Claim Disputes

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What to Do

When should I dispute a claim?

If you disagree with the outcome of the processing of the claim, file a Provider Dispute. This may include:

- **Incorrect Claim Payments** – Denied/Underpaid
- **Request for Overpayments** – Overpayment recoupment requested by Kaiser Permanente

What are required key elements for dispute submission?

Provider disputes must contain the following information:

- Kaiser Permanente Claim Number
- Tax ID Number (TIN)
- Medical Record Number (MRN)
- Date of Service (DOS)
- Dispute Reason (detailed description of your dispute and expected payment or reimbursement)
- Documentation to support your dispute.

How long do I have to dispute a claim?

Disputes must be received within 365 calendar days from the date the claim was finalized (paid or denied).

When will I know the outcome of my dispute?

Written disputes are acknowledged within 15 business days and electronic disputes are acknowledged within 3 business days of receipt.

Kaiser Permanente makes a determination within 45 business days of receipt of your provider dispute.

Provider is notified of the resolution in writing (resolution letter or EOP with payment details).



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What to Do

Can I submit a provider dispute electronically?

Kaiser Permanente encourages submission of provider disputes electronically through our KP Online Affiliate Link.

See Appendix for a KP Online Affiliate Link Quick Reference Guide for information on submitting your provider dispute electronically.

Where do I send my written dispute?

For Southern California, mail to:

Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.
Claims Administration Department
P.O. Box 7006 Downey, CA 90242-7006

For all other Kaiser Permanente members, including Self-Funded plans, please refer to the EOP instructions on where and how to send the provider dispute.



Common Issues

Issue

Possible Cause/Next Steps

My payment amount doesn't match the expected reimbursement for my claim.

KP can only reimburse based on the details provided in the claim form. Please validate your original claim submission was complete and accurate. Sometimes, errors are found because the Units Payable were not correctly totaled.

If you find that you have made an error, please follow the appropriate process for submitting a corrected/replacement claim detailed in the [Claim Submission](#) section. Please note corrected/replacement claims must be submitted within the timely filing period.

If you found no errors in your claim submission and believe your reimbursement to be incorrect, please submit a provider dispute as detailed in the [Claim Dispute](#) section.

My claim was denied for exceeding the number of units.

You are only reimbursed for the number of units on the member's authorization. Any units billed in excess of the authorized amount will be denied.

If you find that additional services are required beyond what is currently authorized, you are required to request authorization for the additional units prior to rendering services.

I have an authorization from KP, but the member has other insurance in addition to KP.

If you have an authorization from KP, Kaiser should always be considered the primary payor for electrolysis services. Please submit your claims directly to KP as detailed in the [Claim Submission](#) section.

What CPT and Diagnosis codes should I use when submitting a claim to KP?

Please refer to your authorization for the appropriate CPT and diagnosis codes to use when submitting your claim to KP.

Please contact the Referral department if you have any questions or concerns about your authorization.



Common Issues

Issue

Possible Cause/Next Steps

I received a request for additional information (RFI) letter from Kaiser and I am unsure of my next steps.

As part of the standard claim review process, additional information may be requested including medical records, notes, or other information supporting your claim for services to the patient.

The request for information is time sensitive, and failure to respond timely could impact the processing of your claim. Please refer to the RFI letter for specific requested information and timelines. [See Appendix for a KP Online Affiliate Link Quick Reference Guide](#) for information on submitting the requested information electronically.

I have recently changed or updated my Tax Identification Number (TIN) or location. What should I do next?

Check that you are billing with the correct Tax ID Number (TIN) that appears in your contract. If you need to update your provider TIN or location information, please contact your contract manager to ensure your contract is updated before submitting claims with new information.

Member liability in the EOP differs from what I was informed pre-service.

Please refer to the member's liability reflected in the EOP as it contains the most current payment information and/or member responsibility. The EOP will reflect the application of the member's most current benefits and therefore may differ from information provided pre-service.



Common Issues

Issue

Possible Cause/Next Steps

I looked in the KP Online Affiliate Link portal and do not see my claim.

If the claim submitted was complete and accepted by Kaiser Permanente, check the status through KP Online Affiliate Link. If you have checked and are unable to locate your claim, consider exploring the following:

Did you send the claim to the correct place?

- Check the electronic payor ID and ensure it is accurate for the Kaiser Permanente entity you are trying to bill. **See the EDI page for a list of Payor IDs.**
- If claim was submitted by mail, check the address to ensure it is correct.

Was your claim accepted by Kaiser Permanente?

- Submission of the claim to your clearinghouse does not guarantee the claim will be accepted by Kaiser Permanente. Incomplete claims can be rejected by either your clearinghouse or Kaiser Permanente before entering our system.
- If the claim was rejected, you will receive a rejection notification from your clearinghouse. Check with your clearinghouse to ensure the claim was not rejected before it got to Kaiser Permanente.
- It is vital that you review the rejection reason and correct the claim for it to be accepted and processed for payment.

Need assistance or having trouble locating claims on the KP Online Affiliate Link?

- Email: KP-SCAL-OnlineAffiliate@kp.org



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Provider CMS Form FAQ

Box #1a – Enter the patient’s Kaiser Medical Record Number (MRN)

Box #4 – Enter Insured’s name

Box #6 – Check ‘Self’ if the name in box 2 and box 4 match.
Check ‘Child’ if the name in box 2 is a dependent of the name in box 4.

Box #19 – (Optional) – Enter additional information for corrected claims. (Example, “Corrected units for code H0020”).

Box #21 – Enter ICD-10 diagnosis codes. Use these links as a resource if any questions:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/index.html>

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/Downloads/2018-ICD-10-CM-Coding-Guidelines.pdf>

Box #22 – For a replacement/corrected claim, enter the number ‘7’ in the ‘Resubmission Code’ area AND enter the original Kaiser Permanente claim number in the ‘Original Ref. No.’ area.

Box #23 – Enter the Kaiser authorization number.

Box #24B – Enter place of service code. The most commonly used codes are:

- 11- Office
- 02- Telehealth
- 20- Urgent Care
- 21- Inpatient
- 22- Outpatient
- 23- Emergency

Box #24D – Enter five-digit CPT/HCPCS code for services provided. Enter appropriate two-digit modifier codes as necessary. Use this link for a full listing of modifier codes and descriptions:

<https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jeb/topics/modifiers>

- For example, a commonly used modifier is code 25 for multiple services on same day:
 - *25- Significant, separately identifiable evaluation and management service by the same physician on the same day of the procedure or other service*



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Box #24E – Enter the appropriate Diagnosis Pointer code for each service line in this field. The number of diagnosis code pointers is limited to four per line. Do not use commas between the numbers.

- Example below, line #1 is coded as 'B' which points to the second DX code of L97.910. Line #2 is coded as 'A' which points to the first DX code of E11.50:

21. DIAGNOSIS OR NATURE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY Relate A-L to service line below (24E) ICD Ind.

A. E11.50 B. L97.910 C. D. E. F. G. H. I. J. K. L.

24. A.	DATE(S) OF SERVICE						B. PLACE OF SERVICE	C. EMG	D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES (Explain Unusual Circumstances)				E. DIAGNOSIS POINTER
	From	To							CPT/HCPCS	MODIFIER			
MM	DD	YY	MM	DD	YY								
09	07	20				11		99213				B	
09	07	20				11		82000				A	

Box #24J – Enter the rendering provider NPI – This is the NPI of the individual provider/physician/therapist etc. who performed the services.

Box# 32a – Enter the NPI of the service facility location. However, if this NPI is the same as the billing provider NPI listed in box #33a then leave blank.

Box# 33a – Enter the NPI of the billing provider. Do not enter this same NPI in box# 32a.

REJECTED CLAIM CHECKLIST:

If the claim rejects then double check the following fields and confirm they are correctly populated. The most common mistakes that cause claim rejections are:

- The MRN in box #1a is incorrect. Check that the MRN is correct for the patient name and DOB. Resubmit with corrected MRN.
- Corrected claims **MUST** include the original Kaiser claim number with the resubmission code '7' in box #22.
- Box #6 has incorrect selection. This box should correlate to box #4 and box #2. If the parent is insured and child is patient then 'Child' should be selected. If the child is both the patient name and insured name then 'Self' should be selected.



Appendix

Kaiser Permanente Online Affiliate and Claims Status Online Fact Sheet

What is Online Affiliate?

Online Affiliate is Kaiser Permanente's Epic-Based portal, that allows providers access to several time saving self-service features. As an **external provider** you are eligible to access Online Affiliate, which will allow you to:

- View member eligibility and benefits
- View referrals/authorizations (for contracted providers)
- View and print EOP's (Explanation of Payments)
- View patient medical records (for contracted licensed clinical staff)

In addition, Online Affiliate offers **Claim Status Online**, which is a functionality enabled within Online Affiliate for providers to view the following claim information:

- Claim Status, KP Claim number
- Check number/received date
- Claim details (service date, deductible, co-pay, billed amount, allowed amount)

Online Affiliate now offers **new features** that allow you to dispute a claim determination or upload claim supporting documentation!

This new functionality will allow you to submit the following actions on a claim:

- **File a Dispute/Appeal** – **Select this option if you are requesting reconsideration of payment, or non-payment of a claim.**
- **Respond to a Request for Information (RFI)** by the upload of Kaiser requested documents – **Select this option if you have received a letter from KP, or EOP denial requesting additional information to process your claim.**
- **Submit Supporting Documentation** – **Select this option if you have submitted a claim that you know will require supportive documents such as itemized statements and medical records.**

Benefits to you as the provider:

- Allows you to submit claim appeals/disputes on-line
- Upload documents in response to a Request for Information, and medical records – avoiding having to deal with postal delays
- Proactively upload claim related documents for quicker review of claims
- Reduce paper output and cost of stamps for provider responses to Requests for Information (RFI)
- Reduce amount of time it takes for Kaiser Permanente to receive appeals/disputes, Request for Information, and claim related documentation



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Kaiser Permanente Online Affiliate and Claims Status Online Fact Sheet (cont'd)

How do I sign up?

If you would like more information on accessing Online Affiliate, please navigate to providers.kp.org and select your region from the drop down.

On the **home page** or under the **claims tab** follow the instructions to set up access to Online Affiliate. You may also reach out to your regional Online Affiliate representative:

For more information or support:

Region	Contact
Southern California	KP-SCAL-OnlineAffiliate@kp.org
Northern California	KP-NCAL-OnlineAffiliate@kp.org
Colorado	KP-CO-OnlineAffiliate@kp.org
Mid-Atlantic	KP-MAS-OnlineAffiliate@kp.org
Northwest	NW-Provider-Relations@kp.org
Hawaii	KP-HI-OnlineAffiliate@kp.org
Georgia	KP-GA-OnlineAffiliate@kp.org