

# Cost Differentials Among Dialysis Facility Chain Types

Chain Type*	Total Cost	Salary	Drugs	Supplies	Labs
<b>LDOs</b>	\$264.55	\$63.92	\$71.48	\$21.27	\$0.37
<b>MDOs</b>	\$292.66	\$87.71	\$67.60	\$25.59	\$1.73
<b>SDOs</b>	\$285.75	\$82.20	\$69.95	\$27.83	\$0.84

\* LDOs (large dialysis organizations): providers that belong to a chain that include more 300 facilities or more  
MDOs (medium dialysis organizations): providers that belong to a chain with greater than 50, but less than 300 facilities  
SDOs (small dialysis organizations): providers that are independent or belong to a chain with 50 or fewer facilities

Notes: We used fiscal year 2006 cost report data. Our analysis eliminated cost reports that are considered "as submitted"; these reports are not considered finalized reports and, as such, data from these cost reports could inappropriately influence results. Also, we eliminated outlier values in each cost category; thus, population size varies by cost category.

