



Heartland Kidney Network

Conditions for Coverage

ESRD Network, CMS, and the State Agency

Below are excerpts from the Conditions for Coverage released 4/15/08. The regulations have changed. Facilities are strongly encouraged to read carefully and become very familiar with the new conditions.

Relationship with the ESRD Network

- The governing body **receives and acts upon recommendations** from the ESRD Network.
- The dialysis facility must **cooperate with the ESRD Network in fulfilling the terms of the Networks current statement of work**
- Each facility **must participate in ESRD Network activities** and **pursue Network goals**.

Responsibilities to CMS

- Dialysis facility must **furnish data and information electronically** to CMS
- Dialysis facility must furnish data and information to CMS **at intervals as specified by the Secretary**
- Data and information submitted to CMS electronically **in format as specified by the Secretary**
- Dialysis facility **must furnish Cost Reports**
- Dialysis facility must furnish **ESRD administrative forms such as the Annual Facility Survey**
- Dialysis facility must furnish **Patient survival information**
- Dialysis facility must furnish **Clinical performance measures (and future ones)**

Responsibilities to The State Survey Agency

- Dialysis facility must **provide full and complete information about ownership**
- **Notify the State Agency of involuntary patient discharge or transfer**
- Compliance with Federal, State, and Local Laws

Tips:

Remember to report to FDA /CDC any injury serious illness or related to (or suspected) drugs or medical device usage. It is expected that the facility would also contact the State Agency and ESRD Network. Dialysis facilities are mandated reporters.