



2007 Facility Goals from Heartland Kidney Network

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Federal Register, HHS § 405.2110 to 405.2113, discusses the ESRD Network responsibilities regarding the formulation of Network-specific goals as well as dialysis facilities responsibility toward meeting those goals. As directed by the Secretary, the Heartland Kidney Network and its Medical Review Board and Executive Committee have set specific performance goals that every dialysis facility is expected to achieve. Additionally, the State Survey Agencies may utilize Network goals as a guideline during their evaluation process.

The Network goals have been broken down by department according to the Heartland Kidney Network's CMS contract:

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (Task 1)

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has established the following Vascular Access Goals nationwide:

- By 2009 every dialysis facility will have an arteriovenous fistula (AVF) percentage of at least 66%.
- Every dialysis facility will strive to reduce catheter usage to 10% or less.

The Network Medical Review Board (MRB) has established the following Clinical Performance Goals for 2007:

Vascular Access:

- Working toward 44.1% or more prevalent patients will have AVF, with a stretch goal of 66%
- Working toward 44.1% or more incident patients will have AVF, with a stretch goal of 66%
- Facilities with less than 40% AVF will be required to submit corrective action plans to the Network
- 100% Patients with arteriovenous grafts (AVG) will be monitored for stenosis
- 10% or less prevalent patients will utilize a catheter \geq 90 days

Hemodialysis Adequacy: 95% of the patients will have a Mean Kt/V \geq 1.2 or a mean URR \geq 65%

Peritoneal Dialysis Adequacy: 95% of the patients should be monitored at least every other month

Peritoneal Dialysis Patients: Should be seen by a physician monthly.

Anemia Management: Patients with Mean Hgb > 11g/dL will be 85% or > than the US average

Serum Albumin: Patients with Mean Serum Albumin > 4.0/3.7 g/dL (BCG/BCP) will be = to or > than the US average

Immunization: ESRD patients will be offered immunization against Influenza, Pneumonia, and Hepatitis B

COMMUNITY INFORMATION & RESOURCES (Task 2)

Network Poster: Every dialysis facility will display the poster in a prominent location where patients can view it.

Disaster and Emergency Preparedness: All facilities will have plans in place (including back-up plans) and share them with physicians, staff members and patients. Quarterly drills are encouraged.

Education: Resources provided by the Network will be made available to patients & staff members, as requested.

ADMINISTRATION (Task 3)

Network Council: The Facility Representatives will annually provide input to the Network; which evaluates current initiatives, identifies the needs of the facility, specifies how the Network can assist the renal community, and includes their ideas for future initiatives. Additionally, Facility Representatives will participate in the Annual Board Election.

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (Task 4)

Forms Compliance: All facilities will be 90% accurate and timely with submission of the 2728 Eligibility and 2746 Death forms.

By signing this document, I attest that the management team of <Facility Name: MAIL MERGE> understands the above Network goals and agrees to post them in a prominent place for all staff members to view during 2007.

Facility Name: <MAIL MERGE>

Medicare Provider Number: <MAIL MERGE>

Facility Representative: <MAIL MERGE>

Facility Representative's

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please sign and fax this document to the Network office by May 17, 2007 - ATTN: Nicole Timko 816-880-9088