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#### **CROWNWeb Clinical Data Submissions Extended**

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During the months of August and September, the nation experienced multiple major hurricane events. Hurricane Harvey devastated major portions of Texas and Louisiana; Hurricane Irma destroyed the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Southeast US; and Hurricane Maria shattered the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. In addition to the reported flooding, wind damage, power loss, and the aftermaths, ESRD systems were significantly impacted — dialysis patients were dislocated, dialysis facilities were closed, and many patients unable to access operating facilities until rescued. In the case of the U.S. Virgin



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Islands, patients were first transported to Puerto Rico and subsequently to south Florida when Hurricane Maria impacted the islands.

With these catastrophic events and the need to support recovery efforts, CMS has extended CROWNWeb clinical data reporting for dialysis facilities within the FEMA designated "major disaster" areas by **60 days** for the following specified reporting months.

Clinical Month	Clinical Closure Reporting Period	Extension to Report
July 2017	September 30, 2017	November 30, 2017
August 2017	October 31, 2017	December 31, 2017
September 2017	November 30, 2017	January 31, 2018
October 2017	December 31, 2017	February 28, 2018
November 2017	January 31, 2018	March 31, 2018
December 2017	February 28, 2018	April 30, 2018

To view the CMS CROWN Memorandum for Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, please go to the Latest Official News from CMS via the News menu at <a href="https://www.MyCROWNWeb.org">www.MyCROWNWeb.org</a>.

#### **Submission of Patient Information in CROWNWeb**

Dialysis facilities in disaster impacted areas should still submit all patient information into CROWNWeb. Entering or electronically submitting patient information into CROWNWeb will enable CMS and the ESRD Networks to keep track of patient location, treatment, resource requirements, and provide vital information needed by the Kidney Community Emergency Response (KCER) Program.

As a continued effort to keep facilities informed of all information released in response to these disasters, CMS has provided additional hurricane resources and an up-to-date listing of all FEMA-designated areas at <a href="https://www.CMS.gov">www.CMS.gov</a>.

#### **CROWNWeb HOW TO: Admit a Transient Patient**

A transient patient is one who is expected to be managed by the dialysis facility for 30 days or less or 13 treatments or less. In CROWNWeb, a patient can only be assigned to one primary facility at a time. An admission to a secondary facility for a short duration requires the facility to indicate the patient is in a transient status. Facilities are required to admit all transient patients to their facility in order to maintain a proper census count of their patients. To admit a transient patient:

- 1. Log into CROWNWeb, select the Patient tab and the Search for Patients screen displays.
- 2. Select the Admit Patients link from the left side menu to display the Admit Patient Patient Information screen.
- 3. Enter all required patient information in the Admit Patient Screen and change the Transient Status section to be marked as "Yes".
- 4. Select the appropriate Transient Reason from the drop down menu. Then enter the patient's temporary address and phone number, click Next and select "Accept" on the Patient Admission Confirmation Screen.
- 5. Continue admitting the patient by entering their current treatment information and then verifying and if needed edit their patient attributes and select Submit.

### **2017 Clinical Closures**

Clinical closure dates apply to all Collection Types. Additionally, clinical data submissions apply to all submission methods.

Clinical Month	Date of Closure for Clinical Submissions	
July 2017	September 30, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. EDT	
August 2017	October 31, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. EDT	
September 2017	November 30, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. EDT	
October 2017	December 31, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. EDT	

Please Note the Clinical Due dates above do not apply to facilities located in FEMA designated disaster areas.

**Upcoming Event:** 

CROWNWeb Town Hall

October 26th

2PM-3PM EDT