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Kidney Community Emergency Response

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Outreach, Communication, and Training (OCT) team were pleased to have the Kidney Community Emergency Response (KCER) team on the November Town Hall. The KCER team provided attendees with the who, what, and why of natural disasters. KCER's mission is to "Develop, manage, and maintain a coordinated preparedness and response program for the kidney community". During the Town Hall, KCER outlined their tasks in supporting patients, facilities, and End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Networks including:

- Coordinating continuing care and access to services for dialysis patients during emergencies or disasters
- Providing technical assistance to ESRD Networks, kidney organizations, and other groups
- Ensuring timely and efficient disaster preparedness, response, and recovery for the kidney community
- Incorporating the patient's voice in all activities, specifically within the emergency community as a whole
- Maintaining active and engaged Emergency Response Groups

KCER also provided a detailed list of important facility information in the ESRD Quality Reporting System (EQRS) that may be needed by support staff in the event of a disaster. This detailed list included up-to-date facility names, addresses, phone numbers, dialysis types offered, number of stations, and personnel listing. Up-to-date patient information is extremely important, and facilities should keep addresses, phone numbers, and modality current, as these will be among the first items used when relocating a patient to another facility for treatment.

Additionally, facilities can assist KCER during a disaster by admitting patients immediately into the CROWNWeb system, updating patient attributes, submitting CMS-2728 forms, verifying Patient Attributes and Related Treatments (PART), running reports, and performing continual status checks of these items. These tasks are beneficial to KCER during a disaster, and to facilities and patients as each of these items may be critical in an emergency situation.

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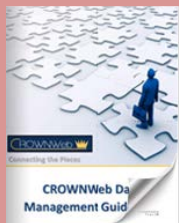
Web Resources

[CROWNWeb Help Me Form](#)



[MyCROWNWeb Website](#)

[CROWNWeb Data Management Guidelines](#)



[CROWNWeb Education](#)

[CMS Conditions for Coverage for ESRD Facilities](#)

Upcoming Event:

**CROWNWeb
Town Hall**

**December 20,
2018**

2PM-3PM EDT

CMS, KCER, and OCT encourage all facilities to view the Town Hall recording, and to download the PDF of the slides for use as a reference before, during, and after disasters. These items can be found on the Events Page at www.MyCROWNWeb.org.

For more information on KCER and their resources, please visit www.KCERCoalition.com. You can also find KCER on twitter at @KCERProgram or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KCERCoalition.

ESRD Quality Incentive Program Reports and Certificates

On December 14, 2018, the ESRD Quality Incentive Program (ESRD QIP) Payment Year (PY) 2019 final Performance Score Reports (PSR) and Performance Score Certificates (PSC) will be available to all Facility Point of Contacts. These documents will be available via the ESRD QIP System accessible at www.QualityNet.org. Facility Point of Contacts should log into the system to download their Final PSR and print out the English and Spanish Performance Score Certificates (PSC). Please note that the PSC is required to be displayed in both English and Spanish in a prominent location within fifteen (15) days of their availability and remain posted throughout the entire calendar year of 2019 (1/1/2019-12/31/2019). Any facility that currently does not have an ESRD QIP Facility Point of Contact may contact the Help Desk at 866-288-8912 for assistance with obtaining their PSR and PSC.

Additionally, CMS is projected to release the PY 2019 Performance Score Summary Report (PSSR) data file that contains the performance scores for each facility for PY 2019. CMS expects to post the PSSR on Dialysis Facility Compare in January 2019 and CMS is targeting to release the [Public Reporting & Certificates](#) page on the ESRD QIP section of CMS.gov by December 29, 2018.

Questions regarding ESRD QIP may be directed to the [Question and Answer tool](#) located on www.QualityNet.org.

Clinical FAQ

Question:

What should be entered in the Post-Weight Dialysis Assessment date?

Answer:

CMS is looking for the date that the most recent dry weight prescription was written. This may be outside the clinical month.

Clinical Closures

Clinical closure dates apply to all Collection Types (Hemodialysis; Peritoneal Dialysis). Additionally, clinical data submissions apply to all submission methods.

CROWNWeb Reporting Months	Clinical Closure Date
October 2018 Clinical Month	January 2, 2019 at 11:59 PM PT
November 2018 Clinical Month	January 31, 2019 at 11:59 PM PT
December 2018 Clinical Month	February 28, 2019 at 11:59 PM PT