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Welcome to the Team

OCT is pleased to welcome P. Nicole Crenshaw as the team's CMS Contract Officers Representative (COR). Nicole is the current Chief Product Owner of EQRS (ESRD Quality Reporting Systems). She works very closely with the ESRD systems' teams on creating, updating, and improving the current CROWNWeb and ESRD Quality Incentive Program (QIP) systems as these systems transition to a full EQRS system.



Nicole's oversight means that users can expect to receive timely information on the EQRS system. This will include additional email announcements for CROWNWeb and ESRD QIP, varying Town Hall and Newsletter topics that will cover system details and changes, and continued training via tutorials and live sessions.

ESRD QIP Preview Period

CMS announced that the Payment Year 2019 ESRD QIP Preview Period will begin on August 6, 2018 and end on September 6, 2018. During this preview period, facilities will have 30 days to run their Performance Score Reports (PSR) and submit any clarification questions they may have. Facilities may also submit one formal inquiry during the open period.

All facilities are encouraged to review the PSR and, if needed, submit clarification questions or a formal inquiry in a timely manner. This will ensure facilities receive a response before the end of the preview period.

For further assistance regarding information on the PSR, facilities may use the helpful links listed below to obtain access to training materials.

[ESRD QIP Preview Period Resources](#)

[ESRD QIP Q&A Tool](#)

[ESRD QIP Preview Period Training Slides and Recording](#)

[ESRD QIP Quick Start Guide](#)

Upcoming Event:

**CROWNWeb
Town Hall**

August 30, 2018

2PM–3PM ET

Facility Security Officials

The job of a facility Security Official (SO) is to maintain the integrity of each Facility’s patient data by approving, denying, or removing access to a specific facility. When a new user requests access to a facility in the QualityNet Authorization and Role Management (QARM) system, that request will go to the facility’s SO for approval, who should then approve only those users requiring access. If a user requests access and is not known by the facility, the SO should deny the request. Additionally, when a staff member no longer needs access to the facility’s patient information, the SO should remove that user’s access.

It is recommended that each facility have at least two Security Officials to complete the tasks listed above, among others. This will help minimize any outstanding access requests. These individuals must be selected by the facility – CMS or OCT cannot determine who should serve in this role.

For step-by-step instructions on becoming a Security Official or to learn how to complete the tasks above, please use the Enterprise Identification Management (EIDM) and QARM Quick Start Guide found in the Education Menu at www.MyCROWNWeb.org.

Clinical Closures

Clinical closure dates apply to all Collection Types (Hemodialysis; Peritoneal Dialysis). Additionally, clinical data submissions apply to all submission methods (Manual or Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)).

CROWNWeb Reporting Months	Clinical Closure Date
May 2018 Clinical Month	July 31, 2018 at 11:59 PM PT
June 2018 Clinical Month	August 31, 2018 at 11:59 PM PT
July 2018 Clinical Month	October 1, 2018 at 11:59 PM PT
August 2018 Clinical Month	October 31, 2018 at 11:59 PM PT