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PLEASE POST FOR ALL STAFF! Important information from Network 14

Called the Network office lately?

Welcome, Welcome, Welcome.....
to the new Network Patient Services Coordinator, Marigay Warriner, LMSW who joined the Network staff on April 5, 2009. She will be responsible for handling patient as well as professional concerns, complaints, and grievances as well as questions on vocational rehabilitation, advanced care planning, end of life, decreasing patient conflict, and involuntary patient discharge. She brings several years of outpatient dialysis SW experience to the position along with a diverse background in education and public program work. You can reach Marigay at 469-916-3808 or mwarriner@nw14.esrd.net. We are happy to report that John Gowan, LMSW will continue working at the Network on a part time basis in the Patient Services Department. His email address is unchanged jgowan@nw14.esrd.net and his new direct phone line is 469-916-3810.

Data Bytes

Helpful tips and information from the Network Data Department



Network 14 would like to remind all facilities to register for the 3-day CROWNWeb WebEx Training. Go to <http://www.projectcrownweb.org> for more details and to register. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Information Management Director, Nathan Muzos at 469-916-3819 or nmuzos@nw14.esrd.net. Watch for the Quarterly Event Validations and Missing Key Personnel reports coming soon to your facility in late May.

Disaster/Emergency Preparedness Update:

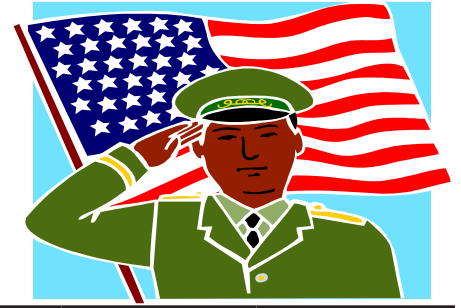
Now is the time to update your facility Emergency Preparedness manual. Please be on the lookout for updated information and resources from the Network office to assist your patients with emergency/disaster planning. Resources and updates can also be located on our website at www.esrdnetwork.org or www.texasemergencyesrd.org. Please remember to update your information on EMSsystem on a regular basis...Reminders are sent to all facility contacts on the 1st of each month, whether you have updated or not. **Please disregard the reminder if you have already updated your information.** If you need assistance with your access or your password reset please contact Geli Brown, Outreach Coordinator at gbrown@nw14.esrd.net.

Network #14 Updates:

Medicare Low Income Subsidy (LIS) – Don't forget that prescription drug assistance for your Medicare patients is available. Do you have Medicare patients who cannot afford their medications? Extra help is available to help cover prescription costs for qualified individuals once enrolled in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. If they qualify and are not already enrolled in a Medicare plan, they will be given a special election period to enroll with coverage starting the 1st of the following month. Have your patients call Social Security Administration, 1-800-772-1213, and ask about applying for 'Extra Help.' Brochures explaining this Low Income Subsidy (extra help) are available for your office at www.ssa.gov



Network 14 May 2009 Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 April PAR's due EMSystem update due	9
10 Mothers' Day 	11  Non-LDO April FF data due	12	13	14	15	16 Armed Forces Day
17	18	19	20	21	22 Missing Forms Due	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29 Missing Forms Sent	30
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Do you need a copy of the rules for filling out your PAR forms? You can download a copy of the rules from our website at www.esrdnetwork.org at the top of the homepage click on CMS forms.