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Keep up with what's *new*, what's *due* & what's *upcoming*

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PLEASE POST FOR ALL STAFF! Important information from Network 14

Network #14 Updates:

Who is going at the Network?...

After 20 years of devoted service to the Network and the renal community, Nancy Carlson, Data Manager, will be leaving the Network. Nancy's last day will be October 31, 2008. Be assured that Nancy will not be far from the ESRD community. For those of you who would like to send your well wishes you can reach Nancy at the Network address or ncarlson@nw14.esrd.net. Please join the Network staff in wishing Nancy well in her new endeavors!

Who is coming at the Network?...

We are pleased to announce that Casey Contreras has accepted a promotion and will become the new Data Coordinator effective on October 1st. Casey has been with the Network for 6 years and will coordinate training for the new CrownWeb program.

Also join us in welcoming Sabira Mohamed as the CrownWeb Security Manager and Nathan Munoz as the Information Management Director. Sabria will be responsible for maintaining accurate facility passwords and security information for CrownWeb. Nathan will be responsible for CrownWeb reporting and IT support.

CROWNWEB is coming February 2009 – Are You Ready?

The new Conditions for Coverage will require each dialysis facility to process all of their data electronically through CROWNWEB; which is a web-based software developed by CMS. Use of CROWNWEB for data submission beginning on February 1, 2009 is MANDATORY.

CMS will provide dialysis facilities with access to CROWNWEB free of charge once the facility completes a verification and authorization process

which will begin in October 2008. Each dialysis unit will be responsible for allocating staff for this initiative, purchasing and maintaining a computer system that meets the requirements set forth by CMS. (refer to checklist below)

Training on CROWNWEB will be provided either by a face-to-face training session at a variety of locations across the US or online training available via a central website.

System Requirement Checklist:

- o Internet access speed 56KBps dial-up minimum (DSL, Cable or faster recommended)
- o Browser version IE 6.0 minimum (IE 6.0 or higher recommended)
- o Operating system Windows 98 SE2 minimum (Windows 2000 or XP recommended)
- o Processor Speed 66 MHz Pentium (or equivalent) processor minimum
- o Random Access Memory (RAM) 64 MB or Win98 SE2 (128 MB or more recommended)

Anyone that is in the process of producing yearly budgets for their clinics can find the estimated cost to get ready for CROWNWEB in the Conditions for Coverage starting on page 20450.

Dates to remember for the CROWNWEB application are:


- o October – December 2008 – Begin the CROWNWEB registration process for your facility
- o December 2008 – March 2009 – Attend training on the use of CROWNWEB
- o January 30, 2009 – ESRD Networks will no longer be entering facility data for submission to CMS
- o February 1, 2009 – Begin submitting data electronically via CROWNWEB

Need more information? Contact the CROWNWEB team directly at CRAFT@nw7.esrd.net



Network 14 October 2008 Calendar



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----|-----|---|----------------------|---|-----|
| Due to the number of patients displaced from IKE, The Network will delay sending out the Event Validations until November 2008. | | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| | | | EMSystem update due September PARs due | |  Non-LDO September FF data due | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| | | | | National Boss Day | | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| | | | | | Missing Forms Due | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| | | | | | <i>Halloween</i> Missing Forms Sent | |