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September 2007



PLEASE POST FOR ALL STAFF! Important Information From Network 14

From the Network Staff

Facility administrators should have received the **2007 Dialysis Facility Reports** that were mailed August 10th. Be sure to access the summary slides on our website under Professionals/ Data/ Dialysis Facility Report Summary to use in monthly CQI review with your data. Updated quality measures for your facility will be posted on the **Dialysis Facility Compare (DFC) web site**

www.medicare.gov in November 2007. Comments about your Dialysis Facility Compare website quality measures and your Dialysis Facility Report may be reported **only** through the following website: www.arborresearch.org/esrdmeasures. Deadline for submitting comments is **September 10, 2007**.

Part A ESRD Seminar

September 13, 2007 from 9am - 3pm
Trailblazer Dallas Auditorium
Dallas, Texas

Outpatient renal dialysis facilities that bill outpatient dialysis services are encouraged to attend this event. Course topics include an overview of the Medicare policy and billing requirements as they apply to outpatient renal dialysis facility providers. There is no charge to attend this training. Lunch is on your own and seating is limited. Providers may call 888-763-9836 to obtain information on Medicare Part A education and also to receive updates on class cancellations.

Reminder: The Network sends out Event Validations 3 times per year: January—April, January—August and January—December (2744).

Network 14 Is Going Automated....!

Over the next few months, callers to the Network office will notice a change in the way phone calls are answered. The current phone system will be upgraded to answer incoming calls automatically. On our website is a list of the staff along with their job duties and direct phone numbers. We would highly recommend that you copy this list and place it beside all phones in your clinic. Encourage your staff to call NW 14 staffs' individual phone numbers. This will save time for your staff when they are calling for assistance from the Network office.

ANNA - Audioconference is October 2, 2007 at 5:30pm. For more information, contact local ANNA Chapter Board members.



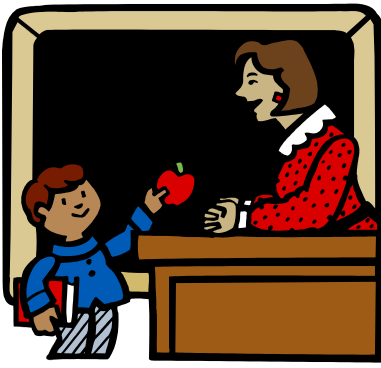
2728 REQUEST FORM NOW ON THE WEB:

Do you need a copy of a patient's 2728 form? Go to our website at www.esrdnetwork.org. Under

CMS forms, you can download and print out the 2728/2746 Request Form. Simply fill out the form with the patient's name, social security number, name, signature and fax number of the staff person requesting the form. Fax to Network 14 at 972-503-3219. If the patient is not deceased, his/her signature is required to release a copy of the 2728 form (HIPAA).

NEW PATIENT INFORMATION:

Did you receive a new patient? Call the Network to find out if he/she has previously been entered into the ESRD database. We can help you with questions regarding patients who have been transplanted as well as any patients who have dialyzed at another chronic facility...even out of state! Contact the Data Department: Jennie Conley at 469.916.3811 or Casey Contreras at 469.916.3809.



Network 14 September 2007 Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				AAKP meeting in St. Louis August 30- September 2, 2007		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Office Closed for Labor Day.				*EMSystem update due *August PARS Due	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Fistula First August data Deadline	September 9-15, 2007		Nephrology Nurses Week		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
					*Missing Forms Due	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Fort Worth Regional Bowling Tournament					*Missing Forms Sent	
30	31			Renal Support Network (RSN) September 27- September 29, 2007		

**Opening Day of the
State Fair of Texas
September 28, 2007**