Detailed Timeline for 2016-2017 Quarterly Dialysis Facility Compare (QDFC) Reports and FY 2017-2018 Dialysis Facility Reports (DFRs), and State and Region Profiles

***Important: The Quarterly Dialysis Facility Compare (QDFC)-Preview for the October Report includes updates of all measures for the prior calendar year, including the STAR rating. All other QDFC Preview reports update the Quarterly measures only (Kt/V, hemoglobin, vascular access, mineral metabolism), moving forward one quarter with each update.

| Date | Event |
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| October 19, 2016** | CMS Dialysis Facility Compare website updated with DFC |
| | measures from QDFC-Preview for October 2016 report |
| November 1, 2016 | Quarterly Dialysis Facility Compare (QDFC)—Preview for |
| | January 2017 reports available to dialysis facilities and Networks on website |
| | Comment period for dialysis facilities opens at 12:01am ET* |
| November 15, 2016 | Comment period for QDFC—Preview for January 2017 report for |
| | dialysis facilities ends at 5:00pm ET* (Report still available to view and download) |
| January 18, 2017** | CMS Dialysis Facility Compare website updated with DFC |
| , | measures from QDFC-Preview for January 2017 report |
| February 1, 2017 | Quarterly Dialysis Facility Compare (QDFC)—Preview for April 2017 reports available to dialysis facilities and Networks on website |
| | Comment period for dialysis facilities opens at 12:01am ET* |
| February 15, 2017 | Comment period for QDFC—Preview for April 2017 report for |
| | dialysis facilities ends at 5:00pm ET* (Report still available to view and download) |
| April 19, 2017** | CMS Dialysis Facility Compare website updated with DFC measures from QDFC-Preview for April 2017 report |
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| May 1, 2017 | Quarterly Dialysis Facility Compare (QDFC)—Preview for July 2017 reports available to dialysis facilities and Networks on website Comment period for dialysis facilities opens at 12:01am ET* |
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| May 15, 2017 | Comment period for QDFC—Preview for July 2017 report for dialysis facilities ends at 5:00pm ET* (Report still available to view and download) |
| July 15, 2017 | Quarterly Dialysis Facility Compare (QDFC)—Preview for October 2017 reports available to dialysis facilities and Networks on website |
| | FY 2018 Dialysis Facility Reports (DFRs) available to dialysis facilities and Networks on website |
| | Comment period for dialysis facilities opens at 12:01am ET* |
| July 19, 2017** | CMS Dialysis Facility Compare website updated with DFC measures from QDFC-Preview for July 2017 report |
| August 15, 2017 | Comment period for QDFC—Preview for October 2017 report for dialysis facilities ends at 5:00pm ET* (Report still available to view and download) |
| October 18, 2017** | CMS Dialysis Facility Compare website updated with DFC measures from QDFC-Preview for October 2017 report |
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^{*} Technical support available M-F, 9:00am-5:00pm EDT

^{**}Tentative Date