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SUBJECT: Summary of ESRD Network Technical Assistance efforts

The purpose of this memo is to provide Dialysis Facilities additional information about ongoing targeted Technical Assistance efforts by the ESRD Networks. ESRD Networks- please distribute this memo broadly to dialysis facilities in your service area.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, ESRD Networks are being tasked by CMS to provide targeted technical assistance to slow and stop the spread of COVID-19 in the dialysis population. This technical assistance is focused on infection control and may include training, education, and dissemination of guidance or other focused assessment. ESRD Networks are using a data-based methodology to determine where to focus their efforts. This includes a review of doubling days for dialysis COVID-19 cases, hotspot data, and information from local health departments.

We appreciate your efforts as we continue to work together on COVID-19 efforts and ask for your continued engagement in ongoing ESRD Network activities to slow and stop the spread of COVID-19 in the dialysis population.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Shalon Quinn at Shalon.Quinn@cms.hhs.gov.