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SUBJECT: Summary of ESRD Network Technical Assistance efforts

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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

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