



The End Stage Renal Disease Network of Texas, Inc.

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Project Notification: Long-Term Catheter (LTC) 2019 Quality Improvement Activity

What?



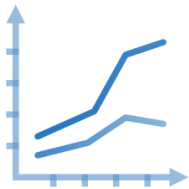
The ESRD Network of Texas continues to focus on the reduction and elimination of long-term catheters (catheter > 90 days) in ESRD & Medicare beneficiaries.

Sample Center, CCN# XXXXXX has been selected by the ESRD Network of Texas to be in the **2019 LTC QIA** with an Long-Term Catheter (LTC) rate greater than 15% at baseline (**July 2018**)

How does this project apply to us?

In 2019 CMS requires the Network to collaborate with facilities who have a **LTC rate of >15%** in order to reduce long-term catheters used as a vascular access. This is due to high morbidity, mortality, and costs associated with the use of central venous catheters.

Why?



Why do we have to do this and what's the goal?

Your facility has been selected because **data analysis from CROWNWeb Reports shows this facility had >15% LTC rate at baseline**. Trends will continue to be closely monitored and we need your facility to complete a monthly report. **This report will be reviewed during an intro webinar and should become part of your QAPI/QA meeting.**

Our **goal** is to achieve a **LTC reduction of at least 2 percentage points from baseline by the end of September 2019.**

How?



How long should we do this?

The measurement timeline for this project is January through September 2019. Facilities may be released from the project at the end of 2019, based on improvement achieved. However, poor performance could result in retention of the facility in the project beyond 2019.

What do we do next?

1. Complete the 2019 LTC QIA Pre-Project Survey by **Thursday January 17, 2019** at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7SHBTZ6>
2. Select two designated staff members who will lead this project by **January 17, 2019.**
3. Notify your regional corporate representative so they can support and help your facility prepare for success in this project.
4. Your facility must have at least one active Facility Patient Representative (FPR) engaged in this project by **Friday February 01, 2019.** For help recruiting FPRs, click here <http://www.esrdnetwork.org/patients-families/patient-representatives> and use the FPR toolkit.
5. **Sign up and attend** the Introduction Webinar scheduled for **Thursday January 17, 2019** Registration Link <https://cc.callinfo.com/r/19h3elpw2unsj&eom>

Remember, Network project participation is mandatory and reportable to CMS

Who?



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