2019 PROJECT NOTIFICATION:
Transplant Wait List—Quality Improvement Activity (QIA)

Sample Facility, CCN#

met the criteria for the 2019 Transplant Wait QIA with a standardized range of XX. The ESRD Network has been directed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to work with at least 30% of facilities within the state of Texas.

How does this project apply to us and why do we have to do this?

CMS has established a 5-year target to guide national health promotion and management to improve the health of all people in the United States living with ESRD: by 2023 increase the percentage of ESRD patients on the transplant waitlist to 30% from the 2016 national average of 18.5%.

According to data obtained from UNOS, facilities involved in this project have been selected based on a 60 month average trend of transplant wait list monthly placement. For example, a facility with an average census of 41 patients has placed 11 patients on the wait list in the last 60 months. That is 11/60 = 0.183 placement rate. Now, 0.183 over an average census of 41 x 100 = 0.45%, which is the trend of monthly placement over 60 months. Based on analysis of a mean (0.69%) and standard deviation (0.84%), facilities that were within a standardized range of +/- 1.53 were included in this project. In this example, the facility obtained a standardized value of -0.28 from the average (mean), which falls within the +/- 1.53 range.

What do we do next?

1. Select two designated staff members who will lead this project for 2019 and Complete the Pre-Project Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3BTS7RY by Monday January 21, 2019.
3. Your facility must select an active Facility Patient Representative (FPR) to be 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.
4. Notify your regional corporate representative so they can support and help your facility prepare for success in this project.
5. Sign up and attend the Introduction Webinar scheduled for Thursday January 24, 2019 at 1pm CST Registration Link https://cc.callinfo.com/r/1od9q1r1psjth&eom

How long will 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.