Who?

2020 PROJECT NOTIFICATION: Modalities Quality Improvement Activity (QIA)

Promoting Transplant Wait Listing and Home Dialysis “Going Back to You”

Your facility, «FACNAME», CCN# «PROVNUM» has been included in the 2020 initiatives to promote transplant and home dialysis. Your facility has a great opportunity for improvement based on CMS CROWNWeb and UNOS baseline data for transplant waiting list and home dialysis initiation (Jan 2019 to Sep 2019) with rates lower than the state average of 3.76% for transplant and 5.08% for home dialysis.

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%. In addition, a President Executive Order was signed in July 2019 to improve kidney patients health by having 80% of new ESRD patients in 2025 either receiving dialysis at home or receiving a transplant. Our ultimate goal at the ESRD Network of Texas as directed by CMS, is that all patients in the Network service area who are eligible for transplant will be placed in the transplant waiting list. While those patients are waiting for a transplant or are not eligible, home dialysis should be their treatment of choice if they are suitable candidates. Your immediate goal for this project is to identify at minimum 10% of your census to promote each transplant and home dialysis. If your census is 50, your goal is 5 patients on the transplant waiting list and 5 patients on home dialysis. The Network is eager to collaborating with you as we develop resources to give all patients an opportunity to receive a transplant and/or dialyze at home.

What do we do next?

1. Select designated staff member(s) and back-up staff to lead this project for 2020, review the Intro Webinar, and complete the Pre-Project Survey by Tuesday December 31, 2019.
2. Watch Pre-recorded Introduction Webinar by Tuesday December 31, 2019
4. Your facility must select an active Facility Patient Representative (FPR), Modality Champion (Successful Transplant Recipient and/or Home Dialysis patient), and a Star Patient Care Technician (SPCT) to create a Modality Expert Team "MET" to be engaged in this project by Friday January 31, 2020. For help recruiting FPRs click here http://www.esrdnetwork.org/patients-families/patient-representatives and use the FPR toolkit.
5. Notify your regional corporate representative so they can support and help your facility prepare for success in this required project.

How long will we do this?

The measurement timeline for this project is January through September 2020. However, all facilities nation wide will continue to promote Transplant and Home Dialysis continuously as President Executive Order is projected to improve quality of life for all ESRD patients.

Please ensure this document is forwarded to the Facility Administrator or Clinic Manager.
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