2020 PROJECT NOTIFICATION:
Reducing Hospital Utilization - Quality Improvement Activity (QIA)

The ESRD Network of Texas has been directed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to collaborate with 10% of the outpatient dialysis facilities within the state of Texas (capable of batching ICD-10 codes) and achieve a 1 percentage point decrease in the average rate of overall hospitalizations from the baseline period (Jan-Sept 2019).

CCN: «CCN», «FACILITY_NAME», Hosp. Rate: %

Why do we have to do this?
This project works with facilities in the top 25th percentile for patients with unplanned hospitalizations and hospitals receiving the majority of patients from those units. An unplanned hospitalization is one that is designated in CROWNWeb as “ER Visit Resulted in Hospitalization”. Your facility fits the criteria for the project and has been identified as a required participant for the 2020 QIA.

What you need to do:
1. Select two staff members who will lead this project for 2020.
2. Notify your regional corporate representative so they can support and help your facility prepare for success in this project.
4. Stay tuned and be ready to register for Kick-Off Webinar being to be held in February:
   A. The Kick-Off webinar will go over more details about the project
   B. You will receive an email with instructions to register

How long will we do this?
The timeline for this project starts when the facility receives notification of being in the project and it ends on September 31, 2020. Facilities may be released from the project at the end of 2020, but poor performance could encourage the Network to retain the facility in the project beyond 2020.

For hospitals only!!
If you are a participating hospital please register for the webinar but you are not required to complete the RCA & Initial Survey. Throughout the project the Network will work with you and dialysis facilities that refer to your hospital to help make processes that result in better transitions of care for patients and decreased hospitalizations. This may be in the form of resource sharing, patient tracking in collaboration with dialysis facilities, or survey responses. Join us for the kickoff webinar to learn more!

Please ensure this document is forwarded to the Facility Administrator or Clinic Manager. For questions regarding this project, please contact Dany Anchia or Mary Albin, PHONE: 469-916-3813 or 469-916-3809 EMAIL: dany.anchia@allianthealth.org or mary.albin@allianthealth.org

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