

WHAT IS THE DIALYSIS FACILITY PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE?

It is a facility report card on two measures using the average patients' laboratory values in:





Anemia Management

(using hemoglobin levels)

Dialysis Adequacy

(using Urea Reduction Ratio, "URR")

This is a Sample of the official certificate

		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES CENTERS for MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES		
		End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program 2012 Certificate of Dialysis Facility Performance - Part 1		Facility CMS Certification Number: 999999
** The information communicated below is based on 2010 data. **				
Certificate of Dialysis Facility Performance				
This Facility Meets 2 of 3 Quality Standards				
TOTAL PERFORMANCE SCORE		27 out of 30		
National Average		26		
MEASURES OF QUALITY	FACILITY SCORE	NATIONAL AVERAGE	MEETS STANDARD	
Anemia Management: (Shows how well a facility keeps red blood cell counts in the target range)				
Percentage of patients with hemoglobin less than 10 grams per deciliter (g/dL)	8 of 10	8 of 10	NO	
Percentage of patients with hemoglobin greater than 12 g/dL	10 of 10	10 of 10	YES	
Dialysis Adequacy: (Shows how well a facility cleans blood during a dialysis treatment)				
Percentage of patients with urea reduction ratio of at least 65%	10 of 10	9 of 10	YES	
Facility Name and Address SAMPLE FACILITY FACILITY ADDRESS CITY, STATE ZIP CODE	_____ Facility Director		Patrick Conway, M.D., M.Sc. CMS Chief Medical Officer Director, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality	
Note: Dialysis facilities are required to post both parts of this Certificate prominently in a patient area.				This Certificate expires December 31, 2012.

It's required to be posted in your facility.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Your facility has been graded using these measures and may have changes made to its Medicare payments based on the scores; next year's measures may be different.

Medicare wants you to know your facilities scores:

- To give you information to discuss with your dialysis staff and doctor
- To help staff improve the care they provide to you and others
- So that you can compare your facility with others using www.medicare.gov/dialysis



WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO ME?

What is hemoglobin?

It's part of the red blood cells that carries oxygen throughout the body

Questions for the health care team:

What is my hemoglobin? _____

If my hemoglobin is not between 10 and 12:

Are there things I can do to improve it?

Are there things that dialysis staff can do to improve it?

What is Urea Reduction Rate (URR)?

It's a measure of how well dialysis cleans the blood

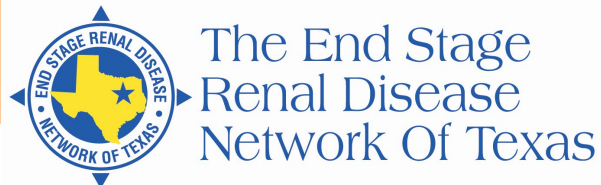
Questions for the health care team?

What is my Urea Reduction Ratio (URR)? _____

If my URR is under 65%:

Are there things I can do to improve it?

Are there things that dialysis staff can do to improve it?



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If you have questions about your facility's scores, talk with your dialysis facility administrator or head nurse.