



Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group

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TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Surveyor Technical Assistant for Renal (STAR)
Lite 3.6.1 Webinar Training

Memorandum Summary

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Survey and Certification Group (SCG) has published a Webinar on Total LMS for STAR-trained surveyors to introduce them to STAR Lite (STAR Version 3.6.1). Surveyors can access the Webinar on the secure Total LMS site at https://cms82.sumtotalsystems.com/sumtotal/app/SYS_login.aspx. States are expected to use STAR Version 3.6.1 when employing the STAR operational system.

Purpose:

This hour-long Webinar introduces STAR “Lite” (STAR Version 3.6.1) to experienced STAR users who have attended STAR training for a previous version. It describes general structural and content changes, key changes to individual STAR survey tasks, updated STAR resources, and how to use STAR Lite to conduct End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Core surveys and traditional ESRD surveys. The Webinar also provides directions on how to submit questions about STAR.

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Contact Judith Kari at Judith.Kari@cms.hhs.gov for additional information concerning the STAR “Lite” Webinar training.

Effective Date: Immediately. This memo should be communicated with all survey and certification staff, their managers and the State/Regional Office training coordinators within 30 days of this memorandum.

/s/

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cc: Survey and Certification Regional Office Management