



Center for Medicaid, CHIP, and Survey & Certification/Survey & Certification Group

Ref: S&C: 11-13-ESRD

DATE: March 18, 2011

TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Update of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Memorandum Summary

- **Refreshed FAQs Available:** A refreshed version (Version 1.3) of the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) FAQs related to the ESRD Conditions for Coverage (CfCs) is attached to this memorandum. All new questions are printed in red for easy reference. To assist in navigation among the FAQs, these questions are organized around the respective Conditions and V-tags.
- **Ongoing FAQs on CMS Web Site:** The current version of the ESRD FAQs is available on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Survey & Certification (S&C) Web Site at http://www.cms.gov/GuidanceforLawsandRegulations/05_Dialysis.asp. These FAQs are refreshed periodically.
- **Email ESRD Mailbox for Further Questions:** Further questions or comments regarding the S&C ESRD Program can be sent to the ESRD mailbox at ESRDSurvey@cms.hhs.gov. This mailbox is established for surveyors, patients, providers, and CMS staff with a survey-related ESRD question or comment.

CMS wants to promote common understandings about the regulatory process and the specific rules that guide the CMS S&C process. In order to promote consistency of standards and expectations regarding the ESRD CfCs, we actively support our ESRD email mailbox for questions and comments and periodically refresh our compendium of FAQs on our CMS S&C Web site.

We will continue to distribute refreshed versions of our FAQs on the Web site. Any questions or comments about the FAQs may be addressed to the ESRD mailbox at ESRDSurvey@cms.hhs.gov. Questions regarding this memorandum may be addressed to Judith Kari at Judith.Kari@cms.hhs.gov.

Effective Date: Immediately. This policy 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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Attachment

cc: Survey and Certification Regional Office Management