

## **Dialysis Facility Compare Quality Measures**

Dialysis Facility Compare (DFC) reports three quality measures for Medicare-approved dialysis facilities across the nation. These measures include:

- hemodialysis adequacy: the percent of Medicare hemodialysis patients treated in the facility with a URR greater than or equal to 65,
- anemia management: the percent of Medicare patients treated in the facility with a hematocrit greater than or equal to 33, and
- patient survival: categories reported as “as expected, better than expected, worse than expected.”

The quality measures on DFC are updated annually using Medicare administrative data. The dialysis adequacy (URR) and anemia management (hematocrit) measures are based on one year of Medicare claims data, and the patient survival measure is based on 4 years of Medicare administrative data.

In addition to the quality information, facility descriptive information is also available on the DFC tool. This includes: facility name, address, phone number, date of initial Medicare certification, if the facility offers a shift starting or continuing after 5 p.m., ownership type, chain affiliation, number of stations and services offered. The descriptive information is updated monthly.