

## END STAGE RENAL DISEASE COMPOSITE PAYMENT RATE SYSTEM NATIONAL TRAINING CAMPAIGN

- An End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Composite Payment Rate System Contractor Training Conference Call has been scheduled for December 7, 2004 for FI and RO staff (completed).
- An In-Person ESRD Contractor Training Conference for FI and RO staff has been scheduled for January 26, 2005 (11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) through January 27, 2005 (9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) at the Hyatt Regency Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland. To register for the conference, visit <http://palmettogba.com/internet/trainer.nsf>.
- On a bi-weekly basis beginning on March 24, 2005 and on-going through May 19, 2005, Provider Q & A Conference Calls will be held. A Joint Signature Memorandum containing information about the conference calls will be released soon.
- *Special Edition Medlearn Matters* articles that discuss the January 2005 and April 2005 ESRD composite payment rate system changes are currently in development. *Medlearn Matters* articles can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters>.
- An ESRD Composite Payment Rate System Fact Sheet is currently in development and will be available at the January 26 - 27, 2005 in-person contractor training conference. The fact sheet will also be available from the Medicare Learning Network at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn> in both downloadable and hard copy formats.