

AHRQ Stakeholders' Meeting Regarding Medicare Coverage of Kidney Disease Patient Education Services

Date: December 16, 2008

Time: 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Location: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
540 Gaither Road
1st Floor Conference Center
Rockville, MD 20850

Purpose:

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) will be hosting a Stakeholders' Meeting to solicit feedback regarding Section 152(b) of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-275), which provides Medicare coverage for Kidney Disease Patient Education Services for individuals with Stage IV chronic kidney disease (CKD).

Agenda:

We will begin with a brief overview of Section 152(b) and then move into a time where we will solicit your feedback. We are most interested in receiving feedback on the following topics.

1. What are the accepted clinical criteria (or standards of practice) for diagnosing someone with Stage IV CKD and determining that the patient will need to start renal replacement therapy?
2. What are the different modalities of education appropriate for kidney disease patient education?
3. What is the recommended frequency and duration for these education services?
4. What factors in existing education programs have lead to the best patient outcomes?
5. What are the existing chronic kidney disease education resources that are publicly available? In addition to the resources, please provide information regarding sponsorship or funding provided to produce the existing education programs.
6. Are there organizations in existence that certify the content of the education services that are currently publicly available? In addition, please provide information regarding sponsorship or funding provided to these certification entities.

Registration Process:

NOTE: Registration is open until capacity is reached or December 8, 2008, whichever comes first. Formal registration is required; drop-ins will not be allowed admittance due to security requirements.

To register for the event, please fill out the information below and then select the **Register Now** button at the top of this form. Due to the anticipated interest and the limited space available, we request that you limit your group's representation at this meeting to two individuals. Please note that once the maximum number of participants is reached, registration will be closed. Once a registration form has been submitted, an e-mail will be sent within 2 business days notifying the sender if their registration is confirmed or if the meeting has reached capacity. If registration is confirmed, an information packet including the complete agenda and logistical information will also be sent to the attendee. Please note that participants will be responsible for their own travel, hotel, and eating arrangements.

Registrant Information:

NOTE: All fields are required for registration.

First Name:

Last Name:

E-mail:

Phone:

Affiliation:

Special Accommodations:

If special accommodations are needed, please contact KidneyDiseaseMtg@ahrq.hhs.gov or 301-427-1488 at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

Questions:

If you have any questions, please contact KidneyDiseaseMtg@ahrq.hhs.gov.