

Socials: ESRD Networks & ESRD KHARES

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Keeping Dialysis Patients Safe —Every Day and During Disasters

Did you know dialysis patients can't miss treatments, even during emergencies? After Hurricane Katrina revealed critical gaps in care, CMS created a powerful partnership to protect America's kidney patients.

End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Networks & ESRD Kidney Analytics and Responsive Emergency Support (KHARES) work together as a national-to-local system:

- 18 ESRD Networks respond locally with state-specific disaster plans and real-time facility monitoring
- KHARES coordinates nationally with 24/7 helplines, emergency summits, and data analytics.
- Together, they are driving improvements in patient choice (home dialysis & transplant), care coordination (reducing hospitalizations), whole health support, and data interoperability.

This partnership supports the Advancing American Kidney Health Initiative goals including increasing home dialysis/transplant rates to 30% by 2025 and reducing ESRD development by 25% by 2030.

High-quality care every day. Life-saving support when disaster strikes.

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Protecting Dialysis Patients, Always

Dialysis patients can't miss treatments, even during disasters. That's why CMS created End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Kidney Analytics and Responsive Emergency Support (KHARES) & Networks, a national-to-local partnership ensuring continuity of care.

The Partnership:

- KHARES = National coordination (24/7 helpline, data analytics, emergency summits)
- 18 ESRD Networks = Local action (state disaster plans, facility monitoring, patient support) working together to protect the quality of care of the ESRD Medicare beneficiaries.

Four Key Priorities:

- Empower patient choice
- Improve care coordination
- Promote whole health
- Enhance data sharing

Together, they support the Advancing American Kidney Health Initiative: working toward 30% home dialysis/transplant rates by 2025 and 25% reduction in ESRD by 2030.

Quality care every day. Life-saving support in emergencies.

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End Stage Rednal Disease Kidney Analytics and Responsive Emergency Support (ESRD KHARES) & Networks: A Model for Integrated Emergency Response and Quality Improvement

Following Hurricane Katrina's exposure of critical gaps in emergency response for dialysis patients, CMS developed an innovative hub-and-spoke model combining national coordination with local implementation.

The Framework:

18 ESRD Networks deliver community-level support through:

- Real-time facility status monitoring
- Targeted technical assistance
- State and regional coalition building
- State-specific disaster planning

ESRD KHARES provides strategic vision through:

- Comprehensive data analytics (EQRS, NHSN, Medicare claims)
- Development of evidence-based Change Packages
- Emergency Management Leadership Committee coordination
- 24/7 national helpline operations

Quality Improvement Approach:

Using a Monitor-Analyze-Evaluate-Report framework, this partnership drives measurable outcomes across four key priorities:

1. Empowering patient choice (home dialysis, transplant)
2. Improving care coordination (reducing hospitalizations)
3. Promoting whole health (physical, mental, nutritional, vocational)
4. Enhancing data interoperability (EHR integration, real-time reporting)

Impact:

This integrated model supports 9 outcome goals:

<i>Key Priority</i>	<i>Outcome Measure</i>	<i>Direction</i>
<i>Empower Patient & Family Choice</i>	Home dialysis utilization among eligible ESRD patients	↑ Increase
	ESRD patients offered transplant center referral	↑ Increase
	Acceptance of kidney transplant offers with KDPI ≥ 60%	↑ Increase

<i>Improve Care Coordination</i>	Rate of outpatient ED visits per 100 patient-months	↓ Decrease
	Rate of hospitalizations per 100 patient-months	↓ Decrease
<i>Promote Whole Health</i>	Clinical depression screenings with follow-up plan if positive	↑ Improve
	Pneumococcal vaccine uptake among eligible ESRD patients	↑ Increase
	Influenza vaccine uptake among eligible ESRD patients	↑ Increase
<i>Enhance Data Interoperability</i>	Dialysis facilities using advanced EHR functionality for data sharing	↑ Increase

Patient and Family Engagement remain central—involving patients as partners in emergency planning, quality improvement, and treatment decisions aligned with individual values. A powerful example of how strategic national coordination combined with local implementation can transform healthcare delivery and emergency preparedness.

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