

➔ Home Dialysis Training and Support Review: ▲

Purpose - To verify that patients/caregivers receive adequate training and subsequent support to facilitate safe and successful home dialysis. If the dialysis facility provides only home dialysis training and support, the survey must include all applicable survey tasks, e.g., Environmental Tour, Water/dialysate review and Dialysis Equipment Maintenance (if applicable to the equipment in use), Personnel Record Review, and QAPI Review.

Interview the home training nurse(s) *about the home training and support program in evaluating patient candidacy, training patient/caregiver, demonstration of patient/caregiver comprehension; providing IDT support and QAPI oversight. You may need to interview different home training nurses for home hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis.*

Observe the direct care of home dialysis patient(s) *if the opportunity arises during the survey when a home dialysis patient is being treated or trained at the facility, observe the care delivery. Look for adherence to infection control practices.*

Interviews and medical record reviews with/of home dialysis patients are conducted during Patient Interviews and Medical Record Reviews.

Triggers for citation or more investigation of concerns:

- Home training nurse(s) interview or observation of care identifies concerns about knowledge, infection control practices or other aspects of the home training program-*for infection control concerns, refer to the applicable triggers for infection control listed at Observations of Hemodialysis Care and Infection Control Practices.*
- Patient/caregiver interviews identify concerns about the adequacy of training, competency and support from the IDT, i.e., registered dietitian and master's prepared social worker, physician, home training nurse (V581, 585, 586, 592)
- Medical record reviews of home dialysis patients identify concerns related to training or monitoring of home dialysis patients, including monitoring water/dialysate quality for HHD patients, if applicable (V585, 586, 593-595).
- The facility does not evaluate home program outcomes separately in QAPI (V628).

Extending *review of the home training and support program may include review of the patient/caregiver training materials (V585), sampling additional home dialysis patients for interview or medical record review, and further evaluation of the surveillance of the home dialysis environment, i.e., home visits (V589).*

Note: *If there are long term care (LTC) residents on census of the ESRD facility who are receiving HHD or PD treatments at their LTC facility, the surveyor is expected to **extend** the review of the care of these residents. Follow the current CMS Survey and Certification guidance for review of the care of the home dialysis LTC resident.*

