

Announcement on Availability of 2006 ESRD CPM Annual Report and Reliability Report on the CMS Website

The 2006 End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Clinical Performance Measures (CPMs) Annual Report and Reliability Report are now available for download by the general public. The Reports can be downloaded from the Internet at www.cms.hhs.gov/CPMProject, and clicking on "Measures and Data Collection".

Now in its thirteenth year, the CPM project is a national effort led by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and its eighteen ESRD Networks with the goal of helping dialysis providers improve patient care and outcomes. The Arbor Research Collaborative for Health performed the data analysis and prepared both reports under its ESRD Measures Support Work Contract with CMS. Since 1994, the Project has documented continued improvements in ESRD care, specifically in the areas of dialysis adequacy and anemia management.

The most recent data described in the 2006 CPM Annual Report includes the months of October-December 2005 for adult (18 years or older) in-center hemodialysis patients and October 2005-March 2006 for peritoneal dialysis patients. Also included are findings for all pediatric (aged less than 18 years) in-center hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis patients. The Report compares current findings to findings from previous study periods, and it identifies opportunities to improve care for dialysis patients.

The 2006 ESRD CPM Reliability Report is a validation study that analyzes and assesses the extent to which there was concurrence between facility-abstracted data and Network re-abstracted data. Reliability statistics were calculated for adequacy of dialysis, vascular access, anemia management, serum albumin, mineral metabolism, and other data elements, such as ethnicity.