

## **Advisory Board on the Demonstration of a Bundled Case-Mix Adjusted Payment System for End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Services**

The Advisory Board on the Demonstration of a Bundled Case-Mix Adjusted Payment System for End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Services, chartered on May 11, 2004, advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on the establishment and operation of a demonstration project to test the use of a fully case-mix adjusted payment system for ESRD services.

Specifically, the ESRD Advisory Board will study and make recommendations on issues such as the following: drugs, biologicals, and clinical laboratory tests to be bundled into the demonstration payment rates; method and approach to be used for the patient characteristics to be included in the fully case-mix adjusted demonstration payment system; how payment for bundled services provided by non-demonstration providers should be handled for beneficiaries participating in the demonstration; the feasibility of providing financial incentives and penalties to plans operating under the demonstration that meet or fail to meet applicable quality standards; the specific quality standards to be utilized; the feasibility of using disease management techniques to improve quality and patient satisfaction and reduce costs of care for the beneficiaries participating in the demonstration; and selection criteria for demonstration organizations. Upon implementation of the demonstration, the ESRD Advisory Board will continue to advise the Secretary and the CMS Administrator on the operation of the demonstration.

The Secretary appoints eleven members to serve for the duration of the ESRD Advisory Board. The MMA provides that the ESRD Advisory Board will terminate on December 31, 2008. Members include representatives of patient organizations; individuals with expertise in ESRD dialysis services, such as clinicians, economists, and researchers; the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, established under section 1805 of the Social Security Act (42 USC 1395b-6); The National Institutes of Health; Network Organizations under section 1881(c) of the Social Security Act (42 USC 1395rr(c)); Medicare contractors to monitor quality of care; and representatives of providers of services and renal dialysis facilities furnishing ESRD services.

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