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**TO:** Dialysis Facility Administrator  
**FROM:** Allegheny Science & Technology (AST), Contractor for CMS  
**SUBJECT:** Upcoming ESRD QIP Data Validity and Reliability Study

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with AST to assess the reliability and validity of the Clinical Performance Measure (CPM) data entered into the CROWNWeb system and Dialysis Event data entered into the Center for Disease Control (CDC) NHSN system. AST will be randomly selecting **300** ESRD facilities to participate in this validation effort.

If your facility is selected to participate in the validation you will receive a Request Letter via USPS Certified Mail. The requests will be sent out in two batches: Batch 1 is projected to be sent in mid to late November 2015; Batch 2 is projected for early January 2016.

Please note: you will be required to sign for the letter; if no one is available to sign at the time of delivery, the US Post Office for your area will hold the letter until you are able to retrieve it. In this case, a notice will be left at your facility.

The Request Letter will include:

- The list of patients sampled from your facility (maximum of 10)
- The list of records you would need to submit
- A thorough explanation of the submission process to ensure that all records are submitted to AST in a secure manner

If you have any questions about the project please feel free to contact me using the information below.

Thank you,



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