



MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Medical Review Committee Role

The Medical Review Committee; reviews care of ESRD patients in the Midwest Kidney Network region, oversees quality improvement and data management activities, and performs functions as required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Medical Review Committee Responsibilities

Within the scope of the CMS contract; develops and implements activities to improve the quality of care provided to ESRD patients receiving care in the Midwest Kidney Network region.

- Observes the Midwest Kidney confidentiality policies and signs confidentiality statements.
- Supervises response to patient grievances.
- Observes Midwest Kidney Network/CMS data release policies.
- Responds in a timely manner to Medical Review Committee business.
- Attends four meetings per year (usually three conference calls and one in-person meeting) and participates in other meetings (usually webinars) as needed for specific issues.
- Participates in Midwest Kidney Network's Annual Council Meeting.
- Observes Midwest Kidney Network bylaws and due process.
- Supports Midwest Kidney Network's mission, goals, and objectives.

Additional Specific Responsibilities by Discipline

1. Clinician members participate in the medical review process including review of patient-specific medical records, facility-specific profiles, and facility policies/procedures. Usually reviews are performed off-site, but occasionally on-site reviews are necessary.
2. Social worker member assists with patient concerns as needed.
3. Consumer members observe the review process and offers perspective on consumer issues.

Organizational Relationships

1. Reports to the Board of Directors.
2. Represents the Network Council.
3. Receives input from CMS, other Committees, and other related agencies.
4. Staffed by Quality Improvement staff and the Executive Director