



NETWORK PROJECTS

Midwest Kidney Network (ESRD Network 11) is a private, non-profit organization and contractor with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). **Our mission is to assess and improve the quality of care provided to people with kidney disease.**

How do we accomplish this important work? Using a data-driven approach, the Midwest Kidney Network selects facilities to participate in guided quality improvement projects to work towards achieving goals across a variety of metrics as defined by CMS which ultimately improve the quality of care for the patients we serve. Throughout the contract year, we rotate many of our 500 facilities throughout these cohort project groups and then spread best practices and resources to all Network facilities.

This is a collaborative and strategic partnership where we aim to come alongside the facility to work with the challenges and identify how to implement mitigating interventions. It is our privilege to work together with dialysis facilities to improve the lives of patients living with kidney disease.

DIALYSIS FACILITY EXPECTATIONS

- As defined in the CMS Conditions for Coverage, each facility must participate in ESRD Network activities and pursue Network goals.
- Respond to Network communications and participate in activities related to quality improvement efforts, including e-mails, phone calls, and technical assistance.
- Complete the improvement project work as directed by the Network.

NETWORK RESPONSIBILITY

- Provide quality improvement technical assistance and coaching to assist the dialysis facility in meeting the target goals.
- Convene opportunities for dialysis facilities to participate in collaborative meetings and webinars.
- Provide educational resources for both dialysis patients and staff.
- Measure effectiveness of interventions and provide ongoing, regular feedback regarding facility performance related to CMS QI goals.