



Alliance Activities

Alliance Advocates for Focus on Home Dialysis within the Comprehensive ESRD Care Model at CMMI

On May 24th, the Alliance for Home Dialysis met with the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) team leading work on the Comprehensive ESRD Care (CEC) Model, led by Tom Duvall. The meeting allowed members to discuss their experience within ESCOs and what could be improved within the CEC to increase home dialysis uptake. More specifically, members presented on the importance of patient education before ESRD diagnosis, the importance of peer mentoring for patients and caregivers. The CMMI staff members were keenly interested in a home patient satisfaction/experience metric and the expansion of Kidney Disease Education (KDE). Thank you to the members who presented and attended the meeting.

Alliance Continues to Tackle Racial Disparities in Home Dialysis in Partnership with NAACP

In 2018, the Alliance continued its effective partnership with the NAACP to increase awareness of home dialysis in the African American community. African Americans are three times more likely to develop end stage renal disease (ESRD), but 35% less likely to use peritoneal dialysis (PD) and 16% less likely to use home hemodialysis (HHD). Remarkable grassroots leadership through the NAACP led to the hosting of 80 events occurring from January 19th-April 28th. Thank you to the Alliance members and local affiliates who have assisted in these townhalls and screenings! Through the 80 events, the project hosted approximately 3,975 attendees and through a broader media outreach touched nearly 5,000 individuals!

ESRD Networks - Access and Innovation Working Group Call

The Alliance for Home Dialysis hosted a Working Group Call to discuss members' engagement levels with the ESRD Networks. Thank you to all members who participated on the call. This was a part of our ongoing effort to assist in the ESRD Networks' Home Modality QIA which states they will increase their home dialysis population by 10 percentage points. If you missed the call and would like to inform the Alliance of your current engagement with your ESRD Network or have idea for how the Alliance can become more involved with the Networks, please email skylar@homedialysisalliance.org

Alliance Steering Committee Meeting

The Alliance for Home Dialysis held the monthly Steering Committee meeting on May 21st to discuss upcoming regulatory meetings and priorities.

Follow the Alliance on Social Media

In an effort to boost the Alliance's reach to lawmakers, patients, and potential members, we are developing a stronger social media presence and strategy. Please follow the Alliance at the links below:

[Twitter](#)

[Facebook](#)

Home Dialysis in the News

Hospitals Turn to Telehealth to Connect With Transplant Patients, mHealth Intelligence: <https://mhealthintelligence.com/news/hospitals-turn-to-telehealth-to-connect-with-transplant-patients>

New at-home kidney dialysis treatment from Children's Mercy gives patients chance at normalcy, Fox4KC: <http://fox4kc.com/2018/05/10/new-at-home-kidney-dialysis-treatment-from-childrens-mercy-gives-patients-chance-at-normalcy/>

Cape Coral Kidney Center: What you need to know, News-Press: <https://www.news-press.com/story/news/2018/05/24/cape-coral-kidney-center-encourages-teaches-home-dialysis/642432002/>

Upcoming ESRD Network Events

Date: 6/6/18

Event: National Coordinating Center (NCC) QIA C: Supporting Gainful Employment of ESRD Patients

Network: 1 (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT)

Link: <http://network1.esrd.ipro.org/events/>

Date: 6/13/18

Event: NCC QIA D: Positively Impact the Quality of Life of the ESRD Patient with a Focus on Pain Management

Network: 1 (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT)

Link: <http://network1.esrd.ipro.org/events/>

Date: 6/5/18

Event: Bloodstream Infections Quality Improvement Activity (QIA)

Network: 5 (VA, WV, MD, DC)

Link: <https://qualitynet.webex.com/qualitynet/onstage/g.php?MTID=e64ba631fb38a442682f857a1de3dcfa2>

Date: 6/7/18

Event: Home Dialysis Quality Improvement Activity (QIA)

Network: 5 (VA, WV, MD, DC)

Link:

<https://qualitynet.webex.com/qualitynet/onstage/g.php?MTID=ef07aa9bed00ccdf064589a79cbcb99dc>

Date: 6/8-10/18

Event: The AAKP Annual National Patient Meeting

Network: Hosted by AAKP

Link: <https://www.hsag.com/es/esrd-networks/esrd-events/2018/june-2018/the-aakp-annual-national-patient-meeting/>

Date: 7/19-21/18

Event: Florida Renal Administrators Association's 45th Annual Conference

Network: 7 (FL)

Link: <https://www.hsag.com/es/esrd-networks/esrd-events/2018/july-2018/save-the-date-for-the-florida-renal-administrators-associations-45th-annual-conference/?date=7/1/2018>

Date: 7/26/18

Event: DPC Educational Call- Kidney Transplantation

Network: 16 & 18 (CA)

Link: www.dpcedcenter.org/education-call

