



## **Regulatory Update**

### ***Alliance Advocates for Expanded Kidney Disease Education in the Comprehensive ESRD Care Model***

Following up on the Alliance's May meeting with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), the Alliance sent a letter outlining specific recommendations for expansion of Kidney Disease Education through CMMI's authority. The full letter is attached to this email. The recommendations are:

- Waive coinsurance requirement for KDE
- Expand the types of providers that may offer KDE
- Incentivize the use of KDE services around a Medicare patient's discharge from the hospital
- Allow KDE for patients with Chronic Kidney Disease Stage V

## **Alliance Activities**

### ***Alliance Hears from Urgent Start Experts***

The Alliance for Home Dialysis held a Steering Committee Call on June 27<sup>th</sup> to hear from Dr. Sana Waheed of the University of Wisconsin and Dr. Vikram Aggrawal of Northwestern University. The call discussed the urgent start dialysis programs at both universities. The Alliance continues to gather opinions from thought leaders regarding urgent start programs, and how public policy levers might be useful in giving incident dialysis patients the option of home dialysis. If you have specific input on this topic, please reach out to Kelly Ferguson at [kferguson@homedialyissalliance.org](mailto:kferguson@homedialyissalliance.org).

### ***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**

EXTRAORDINARY PERSON: G.I. man staying healthy with home dialysis while waiting for a kidney, The Grand Island Independent: [http://www.theindependent.com/news/local/extraordinary-person-g-i-man-staying-healthy-with-home-dialysis/article\\_4f224974-72b0-11e8-b595-cb1a2e4e43d5.html](http://www.theindependent.com/news/local/extraordinary-person-g-i-man-staying-healthy-with-home-dialysis/article_4f224974-72b0-11e8-b595-cb1a2e4e43d5.html)

New Dialysis Clinics Finally Open, Honolulu Civil Beat: <https://www.civilbeat.org/2018/06/new-dialysis-clinics-finally-open/>

For kidney donor and recipient, a lifetime bond is forged with transplant strangers, Journal Courier:  
<https://www.myjournalcourier.com/news/article/For-kidney-donor-and-recipient-a-lifetime-bond-13022998.php>

### **Upcoming ESRD Network Events**

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](http://www.dpcedcenter.org/education-call)

Date: 8/28/18

Event: LAN 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/>

