



Northwest Renal Network

Helping Navigate Kidney Disease

Patient Bulletin

Patient Rights Related to Involuntary Discharge

It is important that you understand what the regulations say about Involuntary Discharge (also known as IVD). The Federal rules that govern your dialysis facility specify the reasons that a facility may involuntarily discharge a patient:

- **The patient or payer no long reimburses the facility for care**
- **The facility ceases to operate (closes)**
- **The transfer is necessary for the patient's welfare because the facility can no longer meet the patient's documented medical needs**
- **The facility has reassessed the patient and determined that the patient's behavior is disruptive and abusive to the extent that the delivery of care to the patient or the ability of the facility to operate effectively is seriously impaired**
- **Immediate severe threats to the health and safety of others**



What should I do if I feel I am at risk for involuntary discharge?

If you are told or even suspect that the facility is considering involuntarily discharging or transferring you to another facility, call the Network right away at **800-262-1514**. Network staff will work with you and the facility to resolve the problem.

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