Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) Patients

As of January 1, 2017 Medicare will reimburse outpatient dialysis facilities that treat Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) patients.

Some important things to know:

- **AKI patients should not be entered in CROWNWeb**
- There are no weekly limits on the number of dialysis treatments paid
- Follow your dialysis organization’s policies and the direction of your Medical Director regarding AKI
- These patients are not included in the Quality Incentive Program (QIP) or the Network Quality Improvement Activities (QIAs)
- CMS will be providing education in the future
- Additional updates can be found through many of the related professional websites (RPA, ANNA, CNSW, etc.)
- The Forum of ESRD Networks (www.esrdnetworks.org) is currently developing an AKI Toolkit

NRAA will host a Webinar on February 22, 2017 on the AKI changes, rules and facts (diagnosis codes, CPT billing codes, etc.); expert interpretation of the gray areas, such as labs and medication; and tools and recommendations for how to navigate these new “waters.” Registration is coming soon; please visit the Webinar Wednesday and Education Station webpages for links to registration.

*Make sure you are signed up the HealthInsight’s ESRD bulletin (blog) to receive additional updates on AKI and other timely topics: [https://nwrnbulletins.wordpress.com](https://nwrnbulletins.wordpress.com)*

Network Announcements

**PAC – Do you know a patient or a patient care partner that would be interested in contributing as a subject matter expert to the Network’s Patient Advisory Council (PAC)?** If so, encourage them to contact Lisa Hall at 206-923-0714 or LHall@nw16.esrd.net.

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