

Center for Medicaid and State Operations/Survey and Certification Group

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TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Related to the New End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Conditions for Coverage (CfCs): Wave One

Memorandum Summary

- A template of FAQs related to the new ESRD CfCs is attached to this memorandum. These Questions are organized around the respective Condition(s) and V-tag(s) for easy reference.
- The FAQs will be distributed in a series of releases. This is Wave One of the series.
- These FAQs are being shared broadly in order to facilitate common understandings and consistency of standards/expectations. We encourage further questions about the Conditions to be addressed to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) mailbox: ESRDsurvey@cms.hhs.gov.

CMS wants to promote common understandings about the regulatory process and the specific rules that guide the CMS survey and certification process. In order to promote common understandings and consistency of standards and expectations regarding the new ESRD CfCs, we are distributing a series of FAQs that are related to those CfCs. The first of this series of Questions and Answers (Wave One) is attached to this memorandum.

We will continue to publish series of FAQs as new questions arise. We encourage those who have further questions to submit them to our CMS mailbox: ESRDsurvey@cms.hhs.gov.

For questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Judith Kari at judith.kari@cms.hhs.gov.

Date: This clarification is effective immediately. Please ensure that all appropriate staff are fully informed within 30 days of the date of this memorandum.

Training: This information should be shared with all appropriate survey and certification staff, surveyors, their managers, and applicable staff.

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cc: Survey and Certification Regional Office Management

Attachments