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NEWS RELEASE

Through the regular and open communications with CMS leadership, Forum leadership brought forth concerns regarding the procedures for reporting of Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) patients in the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) and how this reporting may impact Network QI Projects and the ESRD QIP.

This week, the CDC released the following instructions on how dialysis facilities, that treat AKI patients, should report 2017 Dialysis Event Surveillance data to the NHSN.

[Adding and Editing Dialysis Positive Blood Culture Events to Indicate an Acute Kidney Injury \(AKI\) Patient](#)

[Editing Denominators for Dialysis Event Surveillance to Remove Acute Kidney Injury \(AKI\) Patient Counts](#)

NHSN also noted in a recent announcement:

“To allow facilities to comply with the above guidance, CMS has extended the 2017 ESRD QIP Quarter 1 NHSN reporting deadline to July 31, 2017.”

If you have questions regarding how to update AKI data in NHSN, contact the NHSN helpdesk at nhsn@cdc.gov with “dialysis” in the subject line.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding ESRD QIP, contact the CMS ESRD QIP team at esrdqip@cms.hhs.gov with “AKI” in the subject line.

The Forum continues to value the regular communication with our colleagues at CMS and the opportunity to continue to engage with them concerning issues of importance to the Networks, the providers and the patients whom we all serve.