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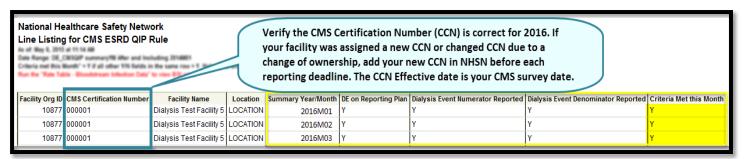
Upcoming Quarter 1 CMS ESRD QIP Reporting Deadline: June 30, 2016!



Mark Your Calendars!

The Quarter 1 deadline for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Incentive Program (QIP) rule for calendar year 2016 (payment year 2018) is right around the corner!

Report 1st Quarter 2016 data to NHSN by **Thursday, June 30, 2016**.



Facilities reporting to NHSN should report all 3 months of <u>January</u>, <u>February</u>, and <u>March 2016</u> data by <u>June 30, 2016</u> in order to receive full credit for Quarter 1 reporting and to meet all minimum requirements for the CMS ESRD QIP.

To verify that your facility meets the CMS minimum criteria for Quarter 1, please take the following steps:

- 1. Review the NHSN Dialysis Event Protocol to correctly report all dialysis events to NHSN.
- 2. Run a "Line Listing for CMS ESRD QIP Rule" report.
 - a. Refer to the "How to Create and Read an NHSN Report for CMS ESRD QIP" guide, which can be found on the Dialysis Event homepage for instructions.

Remember to check the accuracy of your facility's data and ensure that:

- 1. Adequate follow-up has been completed on all positive blood cultures collected outside of the dialysis clinic on the day of and on the day after hospitalization.
- 2. All dialysis events have been reported in accordance with the 21-day rule.
- 3. All patients have only been counted once in the monthly denominator.

All "how to" guides are found on the <u>Dialysis Event homepage</u>. Each guide provides detailed instructions for creating and interpreting reports.



Questions about NHSN? Contact us at nhsn@cdc.gov with "Dialysis" in the subject line and we will respond to your inquiry within 5 business days.