

Increase Transplant Waitlist Quality Improvement Activity “Stitches of Hope” Quilt Campaign

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service has set a 5-year goal to improve the health of all people in the United States living with ESRD: *by 2023 increase the percentage of ESRD patients on the transplant waitlist to 30% from the 2016 national average of 18.5%*. The 2018 Network 4 Transplant Waitlist Quality Improvement Activity includes 100 participating facilities. The time frame for the project is from January 1, 2018 through September 2018. The goal of this project is for facilities to increase the kidney transplant waitlist rate for the ESRD patient population.

As a creative way to keep track of patients who are waitlisted during the project period, Quality Insights Renal Network 4, in consultation with our patient/caregiver subject matter experts, will be creating a “Stitches of Hope” quilt. Imagine if 100 facilities are able to assist at least 10 patients each to get on the transplant waitlist, we would exceed CMS’ goal! We need your help!

Included in this packet are the following:

1. **Patient Poster** – post in a prominent area in the lobby for patients to see
2. **Patient Consent Form** – make copies and use to obtain each patient’s consent for displaying their first name and date they were placed on the waitlist
3. **Caregiver Testimonial** – make copies and share with your patients
4. **Plastic bag with materials for making the quilt:**

Each facility will receive **10 quilt patches**, and a **fabric pen**. (Let me know if you need more!). These patches are for you (or patients) to record information every time one of your patients is waitlisted during the project period (January 2018 – September 2018). PRINT the following information on the patch using the enclosed fabric pen (*note: keep information 3/8 inches from the edges; see enclosed example*):

- The patient’s **FIRST Name ONLY**
- The waitlist date
- (optional) Have the patient answer this question, “*I am. . .*”

Try to guide patients to give answers related to the theme (stitches of hope) of the quilt. For example, “*I am . . . strong*”, “*I am . . . hopeful*”, etc. Patients may also add drawings to personalize the patch. Feel free to be creative!

5. **Return Envelope**

By **September 28, 2018** (or as soon as you have recorded information on all 10 patches), **mail the quilt patches** along with the **signed patient consent forms** and **any unused patches** to Network 4 in the included self-addressed envelope.

Once the quilt is completed, we will let you know where to see it. If you have questions or need additional quilt patches, feel free to contact me 610-265-2418, extension 2820 or by email at kkha-moua@nw4.esrd.net.

Sincerely,



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