



CMS Announces Extension of the First Quarter 2017 National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Reporting Deadline for the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Incentive Program (QIP) Reporting

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) would like to announce an extension of the 2017 First Quarter NHSN Reporting deadline. The deadline has been changed from **Friday, June 30, 2017, to Monday, July 31, 2017, at 11:59 p.m. PT**. The extension will allow facilities the opportunity to ensure their data is complete and accurate in accordance with ESRD QIP reporting policy.

According to our existing policy, the current ESRD QIP measure set is not designed to measure the quality of care provided to patients with acute kidney injuries (AKI) (81 FR 77930-77931). CMS will only use ESRD patient data to calculate the NHSN Bloodstream Infection (BSI) clinical measure, NHSN Dialysis Event reporting measure, or any other measure in the ESRD QIP for Payment Year (PY) 2019 and will not use AKI patient data. We also remind facilities to avoid entering AKI patient data for QIP scoring purposes for Calendar Year (CY) 2017 NHSN BSI data.

CMS does not require facilities to report AKI patients for use in the ESRD QIP BSI measure. We encourage facilities to consider reporting AKI patients on a voluntary basis for internal quality improvement efforts and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) public health surveillance purposes.

In an effort to ensure that AKI patients are not included in PY 2019 ESRD QIP scoring calculations, guidance on how to report CY 2017 NHSN Dialysis Event BSI data involving AKI patients from the CDC is forthcoming. We encourage facilities to review CDC's guidance and take appropriate action before July 31, 2017.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding the extension, please contact CMS ESRD QIP team at esrdqip@cms.hhs.gov with "AKI" in the subject line.

If you have questions regarding how to remove patients with AKI from data reported to NHSN, please contact the NHSN helpdesk at NHSN@cdc.gov with "Dialysis" in the subject line.

For more information about ESRD QIP, please visit <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/ESRDQIP/index.html>.

For more information about NHSN, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/dialysis/>.