

LDO Monthly Meeting
July 14th, 2004
2:00-3:00 EST
Toll Free Dial In Number: (866-249-5325)
Participant Code: 804767

I. Roll Call

Name of Organization	Attendee Name	Name of Organization	Attendee Name
DaVita	Janet Holland	eSOURCE	Shannon Wright
DCI	Chris Lovell		
FMCNA	Roger Theriault	CMS	Kathy Sagel
	Norma Ofsthun		Diane Frankenfield
Gambro	Jose' Nabut		Matthew Leipold
RCG	Diane Thierauf		Terry Conner
	Scott Burchfiel		Pam Frederick
			Victoria Schlining
			Brady Augustine
			Gina Clemans

I. General Topics

- Patient Safety Project: CMS is endorsing this project which will be managed through the Forum of ESRD Networks. RPA is also part of the National Patient Safety Initiative. The focus of this project is to identify what beneficiaries believe is . The patient sample will consist of approximately 2000 patients, 2/3 of which will be part of an LDO facility. More information will be shared with the LDO's as this project develops.
- ESOURCE Transition: CMS is in the process of consolidating their contractors. CSC (computer Sciences Corporation) the developer of REMIS which tracks beneficiaries and ensures proper payments will be taking over current eSOURCE responsibilities including SIMS, VISION, and all elements of the Core Data Set. CMS hopes that CSC is able to absorb the eSOURCE staff for knowledge transfer and to ensure the success of the current projects being managed by eSOURCE. These include the management of Fistula First and CPM's. CMS continues to be committed to the relationship built between them and the LDO's and projects that have been discussed for future electronic submission including 2744, 2728, and Patient Events.
- Quality Net Conference Update: Qnet conference is scheduled for Sept 20-24th in Hunt Valley Maryland. Dr. Lazerus will be coordinating the presentations for the LDO audience which will consist of Network Executive Directors, Quality Directors, Data Managers, and CMS staff. CMS would like the focus to be on how LDO's collect, store, report, and use data within their organizations to improve quality of care. Particular focus should include how each LDO is using data related to the Fistula First initiative.
- LDO Request: Chris Lovell at DCI requested that CMS share with the LDO's and file specs that have been completed for the form changes. CMS points out that this will be a draft only, as requirements change this will also change for the LDO's. eSOURCE will sent the JAD documents along with the final PDF form and Draft instructions for review. (see attached)

II. Vascular Access (JR/Shannon)

- Should LDO's be sending home dialysis information? If so the problem becomes that if a patient has more than one access type, which one was used on the last day of the month if difficult to obtain since the patients don't come into the clinic and the clinic doesn't get regular flow sheets from the patients. How should they be handling these situations? Should they submit the last access type being used by the patient until they find out otherwise?
 - Per Jefferson Rowland: home dialysis patients don't need to be reported by LDOs at this time. The numbers of these patients are small and management should be consistent with prevailing practice in area.
- The dashboard information is available for review at http://www.simsproject.com/cds_OL.asp

III. CPM File Specification Update (Crystal/Vickie)

- Review of CPM timeline and address any questions
 - Networks have begun printing and distribution of pre-populated forms for 5% sample. They have all been provided with the standard CMS/LDO approved letter.
 - CMS has granted Networks a 30-day extension for data entry completion, therefore expectation is that all forms should be returned between June 22nd and August 27th (Step #30)

Please Note: The entire CPM Timeline can be viewed at: http://www.esrdsources.net/cpm_main.asp

IV. Elab Update (Shannon)

- Elab database and reports are currently being reviewed by each Network for facility release

V. Patient Events (Shannon)

- Patient Activity Report, Patient Roster, and Business Rules/Definitions will have final revisions at the Qnet conference in September. eSOURCE will provide LDO's with updated copy when they have been completed and approved by CMS for review and comment.