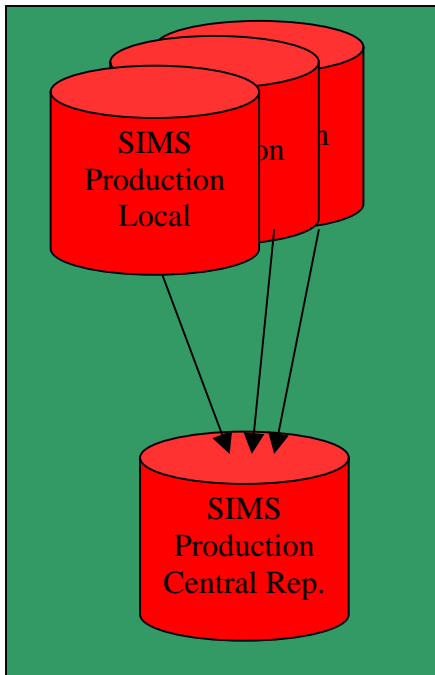




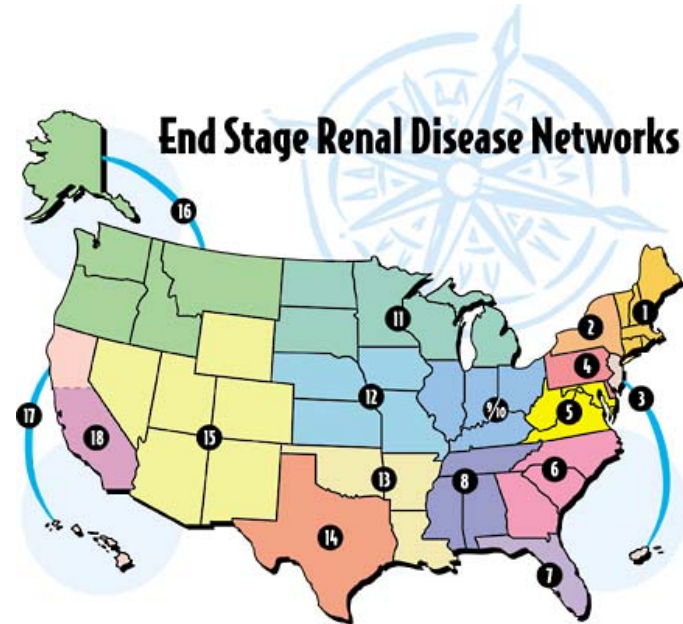
SIMS enables the ESRD Network community to accurately and effectively track the ESRD Patient Registry for Medicare.

Locally, it is the Networks source of Patient and Facility data. Nationally, it allows the Networks to track and manage the patient movement across a variety of facilities and Networks.



SIMS accomplishes this feat through a replication tool that allows each local server to transmit and receive data daily to a Central Repository for the ESRD Patients and ESRD Facilities.

It is also the database of record for all Medicare-certified dialysis facilities and transplant units. As an integral part of the CROWN system, it allows the Networks to electronically receive demographic and clinical information from the Renal Community via a secure, [Web-enabled environment](#).



SIMS is the cornerstone of the [CROWN](#) data system, sponsored by CMS. The CROWN system provides the ESRD community with the necessary tools to support programs that will ensure that Medicare ESRD beneficiaries receive appropriate, high-quality care.