Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Special Open Door Forum: End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program Reviewing Your Facility's Payment Year 2013 Performance Data

June 21, 2012 2:00 – 3:30 PM EDT Conference Call Only

On June 21, 2012, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Office of Clinical Standards and Quality (OCSQ) will host a special Open Door Forum (ODF) on the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Incentive Program (QIP). The ESRD QIP is a pay-for-performance initiative that ties a facility's quality scores to a payment percentage reduction over the course of a payment year (PY).

This ODF will focus on the steps dialysis facilities need to take to review the data CMS will use to evaluate performance as part of the PY 2013 program.

On July 15, 2012, CMS will make available to each facility a preliminary PY 2013 Performance Score Report (PSR) that "previews" how well it scored on the quality measures CMS will use for determining any payment reductions.

CMS encourages every dialysis facility to carefully review its PSR before CMS makes the information available publicly at the end of 2012. Facilities will have from July 15, 2012 through August 15, 2012, to complete this important review.

Also during this period, facilities will have an opportunity to ask questions about how their scores were calculated, and also have the ability to submit **one** formal inquiry if they find or suspect an error in the score calculations.

After this ODF, participants should know:

- How to access and review their facility's PSR;
- How CMS calculated their facility's ESRD QIP performance score using quality data;
- What the performance score means to their facility's PY 2013 payment rates;
- When and where to ask questions regarding their PSR, including how to submit **one** formal inquiry;
- Their duty and responsibility to make ESRD QIP performance data transparent to patients; and
- Where to access help and additional information.

After CMS' presentation, participants will have an opportunity to ask questions. Power point slides for this Special ODF will be available to download at <u>http://www.cms.gov/ESRDQualityImproveInit/</u> by June 19, 2012.

We look forward to your participation and comments.

Special Open Door Forum Participation Instructions:

Dial: 1-866-501-5502 (toll free) Reference Conference ID#: 92188526 Note: TTY Communications Relay Services are available for the Hearing Impaired.

For TTY services dial 7-1-1 or 1-800-855-2880. A Relay Communications Assistant will help.

An audio recording and transcript of this Special Open Door Forum will be posted to the Special Open Door Forum website: <u>http://www.cms.gov/OpenDoorForums/05_ODF_SpecialODF.asp</u> and will be accessible for downloading beginning on or around July 2, 2012 and will be available for 30 days.