

TO: ESRD Providers

FROM: CareFirst of MD, Inc.

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SUBJECT: Medicare ESRD Network Organizations Manual Revisions

Revisions/Updates have been made to the End Stage Renal Disease Network Organizations Manual.

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:

In Chapter 1, Background and Responsibilities, revisions were made to change the title to one of the subsections in the Table of Contents, correct and to clarify reference to statutory citations in sections 10, 20 and 30. In sections 40 and 60 we clarified the responsibilities and goals of ESRD Network Organizations and added new material to section 70 requiring all projects to be reviewed by the Network's Medical Review Board and the Project Officer. To access manual with revisions, click the link below:

http://cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm_trans/R2ESRD.pdf

II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:

We have revised Chapter 2 –Administration, to add new sections and subsections to the Table of Contents, revise Section 80 on Internal Quality Control Program, add new material in Section 110 - Performance Improvement Plans, make a new Section 120 for Exhibits, and revise the Vocational Rehabilitation Table in Exhibit 2-1. We have established new hyperlinks and have revised some hyperlinks.

Chapter 2, Section 40 – Medical Review Board (MRB), corrects a statutory citation for a hyperlink in [§1126\(a\) and \(b\)](#) and added a new hyperlink [§1881\(c\)\(1\)\(C\)](#).

Chapter 2, Subsection 70.1 – Quarterly Progress and Status Reports, establishes a hyperlink to [Exhibit 2-2](#) to include the reporting format. To access manual with revisions, click the link below:

http://cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm_trans/R3ESRD.pdf

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