

## D-Notes from Network #15

You New? Who Knew!?!

Go to:

[esrdnet15.org/newPersonnel.htm](http://esrdnet15.org/newPersonnel.htm)

### Important November Dates:

- **November 10<sup>th</sup>** – October PARs Due
- **November 24-25<sup>th</sup>** – Network #15 Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- **Last week of November** – Keep Eyes Peeled for Patient Rosters

### ImPARting Words of Wisdom

- **DON'T report short-term visitors.** Patients temporarily coming from another outpatient dialysis clinic, who stay for less than 30 days, are considered “visitors” and should NOT be reported on the PAR.
- **DO report “Interruption in Service”** when a patient goes to a hospital, long-term care center, or other acute-care setting. Use the patient’s last date of dialysis at your facility as the event date on the PAR.
- **DO report “Frequent” Dialysis Modalities.** Any patient who receives FIVE OR MORE hemodialysis treatments per week should be listed with the modality “Frequent Dialysis – Incenter” or “Frequent Dialysis – Home” on the PAR.
- **For patients who discontinue dialysis and then die, ALWAYS report the death on the PAR.** You should only report “Discontinue” for patients who have stopped all dialysis and are still alive at the time you submit your PAR.

### Tiebreakers Broken Down

Periodically, a patient’s demographic information, reported to Network #15, doesn’t match information from Medicare (CMS). When this happens we fax out a “Tiebreaker Report” asking you to compare the CMS value to your documentation and determine which info is correct. **Most of the time, the CMS value is correct, and you need to change your local database to match the CMS data.** If you do have documentation showing a different value (Driver’s License is NOT ACCEPTABLE), a copy should be faxed to Network #15 so we can investigate further.

### Tip of the Month: Include Tribal Information

For new patients who are Native American, you must ALWAYS write in that patient’s specific Indian Tribe on question #10 (Race) of the 2728.

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