

## D-Notes from Network #15

### Important February 2011 Dates:

- **Feb 4th** – Vocational Rehabilitation Survey Due
- **Feb 10<sup>th</sup>** – Year-End Roster Verification Page Due
- **Feb 10<sup>th</sup>** – January PARs Due
- **Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 2:00pm-3:00 pm** – TOPIC Call – Right, On Time: *Strategies for Improving CMS Forms Submissions*
- **Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00am – 11:00am** - TOPIC Call – Right, On Time: *Strategies for Improving CMS Forms Submissions*

### The “Dime Decade” is History ...

And your 2010 forms (2728 and 2746) also should be history (a.k.a. done, finished, completed, sent). Of course, “timeliness” is one reason—a big one—for getting those forms submitted. But we can offer two additional, compelling reasons: 1) Patient benefits are associated with 2728 forms, and 2) Network #15 must prepare the 2010 Annual Report, which relies on specific information from those forms. Please, do your part by sending all 2010 forms ASAP.

### What’s My Name, Doc?

**Line 48** of the 2728 form asks for an identifying number to associate with a physician’s signature. **News Flash:** Either the five-digit alphanumeric UPIN (Unique Physician Identification Number) or the ten-digit NPI (National Provider Identifier) is acceptable in that field. UPINs were discontinued in 2008, so the doctor may only have the NPI. Most important is that you **make sure the doctor’s printed name is clearly legible on line 46** of the 2728. If the Network sees only an illegible signature, the form will be considered incomplete.

### Tip of the Month: Get Your “Data Notes” Fix Online, Anytime

No more muss or fuss; no more hunting and pecking; no more stashing or trashing (accidentally). All your favorite *Data Notes* can be retrieved from our online archive: [www.esrdnet15.org/data.htm#DNotes](http://www.esrdnet15.org/data.htm#DNotes). That’s right, every juicy “Tip” and “Trick” has been preserved for your perusal, 24-7. Nothing pairs better with a midnight snack. Try it!

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