

## D-Notes from Network #15

### Important March Dates:

- March 10<sup>th</sup> – February PARs Due
- March 17<sup>th</sup> – Final signed 2744s Due and **St. Patty's Day**

### Shift Happens...

But do you need to tell the Network? “Modality Shift,” by definition, means that a patient stays with his/her current dialysis provider but changes the kind of treatment being received (e.g. In-center Hemo to CAPD, or CAPD to CCPD). This continues to be a source of confusion. Only facilities that offer multiple kinds of treatment will/should ever report modality changes on the Patient Activity Report. Let's say, for example, that a patient wants to switch from Hemo to PD, but his current facility (Fac1) does not offer PD. So he decides to transfer to a different dialysis provider (Fac2) that does offer PD services. Facility 1 should only report a “Transfer-out” on the PAR; Facility 2 should only report a “Transfer-in” and indicate the patient's newest modality, CAPD or CCPD. That's just one example. If you have questions about how to report changes of modality, call the Network for clarification. Don't wait until the shift hits the fan!

### And the Winners Are...

- 292517 – DSI Green Valley
- 322527—DSI Las Cruces Dialysis (100% compliance rate!)
- 292525 – DaVita Desert Springs Dialysis
- 292531 – DaVita Centennial Dialysis

A staff person from each of these units was the lucky recipient of the \$25 gift certificate related to the TOPIC call on 2728 and 2746 Form Submission Strategies. Congratulations to these winners and thanks to everyone who participated in these calls.

### Tip of the Month: “We're Number 15! We're Number 15!”

When Network #15 sends you an email, you should always see “**Network #15**” in the subject line; this will be your cue to pay special attention ☺. And, if you ever have doubts about the authenticity of an email, give us a call ASAP and we'll confirm whether it came from us.

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