



**ESRD Network
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Directory of ESRD Network Organizations



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PREFACE

The ESRD Network Coordinating Center (NCC) is pleased to provide the *Directory of ESRD Network Organizations* for 2011. This document is a comprehensive resource for use by the ESRD Networks and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Regional and Central Offices.

The contact information in the Directory is organized into five sections.

Section 1—ESRD Network Contacts: This section contains contact information for individual Network Executive Directors, Network Council Chairs, and Medical Review Board Chairs. This is followed by a profile of each Network office that includes contact information for all staff and committee chairpersons.

Section 2—Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ESRD-Related Contacts: This section contains CMS Central and Regional staff contact information by office/center.

Section 3—Kidney Community Emergency Response (KCER) Coalition: This section includes comprehensive emergency contact information for KCER's primary and backup contacts, as well as KCER Response Teams. The last page of this section provides a list of critical patient and provider resources.

Section 4—Special Projects: This section provides contact information for CMS-funded Special Projects.

Section 5—Renal-Related Organizations/Corporate Dialysis Organizations: This section contains contact information for national renal-related organizations as well as a listing of key corporate personnel for large dialysis organizations.

You are encouraged to contribute your thoughts on how the ESRD Directory can be improved. To this end, the **Appendix** contains an evaluation form. A reorder form is also provided for your convenience.



2011 DIRECTORY OF ESRD NETWORK ORGANIZATIONS

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INTRODUCTION

The Network Coordinating Center (NCC) serves the 18 ESRD Networks by providing centralized coordination and support for the operation of the ESRD Network Program. The NCC's primary responsibilities include: collecting, maintaining and disseminating ESRD information; coordinating national activities including training initiatives; facilitating Special Projects; and providing administrative support services.

The NCC also maintains current ESRD contact information and annually produces and distributes this comprehensive Directory to all Networks and to the CMS Central and Regional Offices.

The NCC is committed to continuously enhancing the quality, timeliness, and efficiency of our services. To this end, you are encouraged to evaluate the Directory and give us your thoughts on how it might be improved to serve you better. An evaluation form is provided in the Appendix for this purpose.



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- May be activated during an emergency
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Toll-Free Emergency Hotline for Patients and Providers

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- Activated during an emergency at KCER'S discretion to provide general information to patients
- Patients in need of assistance should first contact their ESRD provider or local ESRD Network

Facility Tracking

<http://www.dialysisunits.com>

- National tracking and viewing of open and closed facilities

Teleconference Line

- Kidney community conference calls are available for utilization during an emergency at the request of CMS or the impacted ESRD Network

Website

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