Objective
Assist dialysis providers with initiatives that align with the Executive Order of Advancing American Kidney Health Goals as defined:
- **Goal 1: Reduce the Risk of Kidney Failure**
- **Goal 2: Improve Access to and Quality of Person-Centered Treatment Options**
  
  *(The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services aim to have 80% of new American ESRD patients in 2025 receiving dialysis in the home or receiving a transplant.)*
- **Goal 3: Increase Access to Kidney Transplants**

Project Goal
Increase the rate of patients on a home modality in the Network Service Area, by working with incident and prevalent patients. *(Facilities will be given individual goals according to their baseline rate as of data received from the National Coordinating Center-NCC.)*

- Promote referral to home dialysis modalities
- Identify and mitigate the barriers to timely referral and home modality training
- Determine the steps patients and providers can take to improve referral patterns and the timeliness of patients starting home modality training

Measures
Successful completion of the Home Dialysis QIA will be based on the following measures:
- Improvement in home modality utilization will be measured by an overall increase in the rate of patients who begin training on a home modality.
- Incorporating the process steps into patient education, facility practice, and the facility Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) process.

The following Home Dialysis QIA outline was developed to assist the Project Lead to: (1) stay organized with project tasks, (2) have access to available resources, (3) know ahead of time of upcoming due dates that align with organizational activities, and (4) collaborate with team members on the Home Dialysis QIA project.

You can easily identify hyperlinks of available resources that are highlighted in blue text. It is advisable to save this document in an electronic format, so that hyperlinks are easily accessible.

Please be mindful that webinar dates, due dates and activities are subject to change depending on speaker’s availability, emergency response efforts required in the Network service area, delay in data or resources available, etc. The ESRD Network of the South Atlantic will keep you updated of any changes related to the Home Dialysis QIA via email and/or the monthly QIA calendar.
For any questions or concerns regarding the Home Dialysis QIA, please contact the Network project lead Michelle Lewis at [http://help.esrd.ipro.org/support/tickets/new](http://help.esrd.ipro.org/support/tickets/new) or call at 919-463-4510.

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| **December** | □ Review the following resources:  
  • Home Dialysis Project Outline [Link](#)  
  • Home Dialysis Resource Toolkit [Link](#)  
  • PFR Recruitment Package  
    o PAC Manual [Link](#)  
    o PFR Orientation Guide [Link](#)  
    o PFR Confidentiality Agreement [Link](#) | **DUE** Date: 12/31/19 |
|         | □ Facility should expect a mailing with resources from the ESRD Network to support patient education on home modality options. These resources will come in an 8.5 x 11 white envelope. Additional resources and copies are also available online at: [Promote Appropriate Home Dialysis](#) |                   |
|         | Utilize resources to complete at least one (1) of the following Lobby Education Initiatives by working with the HDN and PFR:  
  • Host a Lobby Day  
  • Create an Education Station on Home Treatment Options  
  • Create a Bulletin Board | Note: Picture Submission for Lobby Day/Education Station will be Due by 3/31/20. |
| **January** | □ Complete Home Dialysis Key Contacts Survey [Link](#) | **DUE** Date: 1/2/20 |
|         | □ Attend *Home Modality QIA NCC LAN Call*  
  (Link for Registration will be released when available)  
  *Takeaway Survey will be Due in February | Date: 1/14/20 @ 3pm |
|         | □ Watch the Home Dialysis Kick-Off Webinar Recording [Link](#) | **DUE** Date: 1/24/20 |
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<td>Complete Knowledge &amp; Practice Assessment Survey  &lt;br&gt;• Attestation – Home Dialysis kick-off webinar  &lt;br&gt;Identify a Patient Facility Representative – PFR (HIPAA Compliant Collection Tool – REDCap) <a href="#">Link</a>  &lt;br&gt;Home Dialysis QIA Project Lead educates all facility staff and patients regarding your facility’s participation in the Home Dialysis project. <em>(This can be discussed during your team huddle meeting or QAPI.)</em>  &lt;br&gt;Review and utilize the following resource with patients to assist with identifying potential candidates for a home modality:  &lt;br&gt;• MATCH-D Tool <a href="#">Link</a></td>
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<td><strong>February</strong></td>
<td>HTN completed “Coaching Fundamentals” Module  &lt;br&gt;(<a href="#">Module</a></td>
<td><a href="#">Quiz</a>)  &lt;br&gt;1st Quarter Assessment of all patients for home dialysis interest using the Treatment Options Interest Form <a href="#">Link</a>  &lt;br&gt;• Work with Home Therapy Navigator on this task  &lt;br&gt;Complete January LAN Call Takeaway and Attestation Survey  &lt;br&gt;Training Opportunity: Attend the “Getting Patients Involved in Your QAPI“ Network hosted webinar: <a href="#">Registration Link</a>  &lt;br&gt;HTN completed “Home Dialysis as a Treatment Option”  &lt;br&gt;(<a href="#">Module</a></td>
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| **February** Cont’d |  □ HTN and PFR collaborate and distribute to patients the Home Dialysis Central “Dialyze to Live” – Real stories about living on home dialysis [Link](#)  
  □ Continue working with Lobby Education Initiative if not completed in January.  
  □ Review and utilize the following resource with patients to assist with identifying potential candidates for a home modality: MATCH-D Tool [Link](#) | DUE Date: 2/10/20  
  Note: Attestation of this activity will be included in April Takeaway Survey.  
  On-going activity  
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| **March** |  □ Attend *Home Modality QIA NCC LAN Call*  
  (Link for Registration will be released when available)  
  *Takeaway survey will be due in April*  
  □ Start discussing with your Team on ideas for hosting a patient support group/new patient adjustment group at your facility or identify a support group at a sister facility or within the community that your patients can be invited to attend.  
  □ Invite a patient to your March QAPI meeting  
  □ HTN, PFR and Project Lead create an education station/bulletin board and celebrate with hosting an educational interactive lobby day  
  □ Lobby Day/ Education Initiative Picture due to the Network for inclusion in Patient Education Contest | Date: 3/10/20 @3pm  
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  DUE Date: 3/31/20  
  Note: Attestation of this activity will be included in April’s Takeaway Survey.  
  Date: 3/31/20 |
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<td>Complete March LAN Call Takeaway and Attestation Survey</td>
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<td>Start planning a Patient Support Group Meeting at your facility, a sister facility or in the community. <em>(Plan for a meeting in May and notify patients/family members/caregivers of the date and time).</em></td>
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<td><strong>Training Opportunity:</strong> Attend the “<strong>Starting Supportive Programs at Your Facility</strong>” Network hosted webinar: <a href="#">Registration Link</a></td>
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| | HTN distribute the following resources:  
  - “Have you thought about Dialysis at Home?” [Link](#)  
  - Home Hemodialysis Word Search Puzzle [Link](#) /Peritoneal Dialysis Word Search Puzzle [Link](#) | **DUE** Date: 4/30/20  
  *Note: Attestation of this activity will be included in June Takeaway Survey.* |
| | **2nd Quarter Assessment of all patients for home dialysis interest using the Treatment Options Interest Form** [Link](#)  
  - Work with Home Therapy Navigator on this task | **DUE** Date: 4/30/20  
  *Note: Attestation of this activity will be included in June Takeaway Survey.* |
| | Invite a patient to your April QAPI meeting | **Monthly Attestation/ On-going activity** |
| | Continue to utilize the following resource with patients to assist with identifying potential candidates for a home modality: MATCH-D Tool [Link](#) | **On-going activity** |

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| **May** | Attend **Home Modality QIA NCC LAN Call**  
  *(Link for Registration will be released when available)*  
  *Takeaway survey will be due in June* | Date: 5/12/20 @3pm |
### May

- **Activities**
  - HTN and PFR collaborate and distribute to patients the educational resources:
    - *Uncovering Myths About Home Dialysis* ([ESRD NCC Tool](#))
    - *Home Dialysis Central – Care Partner Tips* [Link](#)
  - Invite a patient to your May QAPI meeting
  - Host a Patient Support Group Meeting – Invite family members and/or caregivers this month!

- **Important Dates**
  - **DUE Date:** 5/29/20
  - Note: Attestation of this activity will be included in June Takeaway Survey.

### June

- **Activities**
  - Complete May LAN Call Takeaway and Attestation Survey
  - Attend the Mid-Point Webinar
  - **Project Lead, HTN** and PFR collaborate to host an educational Bingo Game for patients. (*Resources for Bingo game will be emailed to PL and HTN*)
  - Project Lead, HTN and PFR collaborate and host a mid-point educational session or lobby day on Home Dialysis Treatment Options. (*This activity can be incorporated into the monthly support group meeting*)
  - Invite a patient to your June QAPI meeting – invite family members and/or care partners this month!
  - Host a Patient Support Group Meeting

- **Important Dates**
  - **DUE Date:** 6/9/20
  - Pending date; (Placeholder: 6/24/20 @2pm)
  - **DUE Date:** 6/30/20
  - Note: Completion of mid-point educational session/lobby day activity will be due by 7/31/20
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| | □ Attend *Home Modality QIA NCC LAN Call*  
  *(Link for Registration will be released when available)*  
  *Takeaway Survey will be Due in August* | Date: 7/14/20 @3pm |
| | □ Project Lead, HTN and PFR collaborate and host a mid-point educational session or lobby day on Home Dialysis Treatment Options. *(This activity can be incorporated into the monthly support group meeting)* | **DUE** Date: 7/31/20 |
| | □ 3rd Quarter Assessment of all patients for home dialysis interest using the Treatment Options Interest Form [Link](#)  
  • Work with Home Therapy Navigator on this task | **DUE** Date: 7/31/20  
  *Note: Attestation of this activity will be included in August Takeaway Survey* |
| | □ Invite a patient to your July QAPI meeting | Monthly Attestation/ Ongoing activity |
| | □ Host a Patient Support Group Meeting | Monthly Attestation/ Ongoing activity |
| | □ Continue to utilize the following resource with patients to assist with identifying potential candidates for a home modality: MATCH-D Tool [Link](#) | On-going activity |
| **August** | | |
| | □ Complete July LAN Call Takeaway and Attestation Survey | **DUE** Date: 8/11/20 |
| | □ HTN and PFR distributes organization’s home modality educational resource of choice to patients. If organization does not have material, please visit the Network’s website for resources: [Link](#) | **DUE** Date: 8/31/20  
  *Note: Attestation of this activity will be included in September Survey* |
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| | HTN and PFR host an In-service or Lunch & Learn about the professional and patient perspectives about Home Modality Options for all staff members. | **DUE** Date: 8/31/20  
Note: Attestation of this activity will be included in September Survey |
| | Invite a patient to your August QAPI meeting | Monthly Attestation/ Ongoing activity |
| | Host a Patient Support Group Meeting | Monthly Attestation/ Ongoing activity |
| **September** |  |  |
| | Attend Home Modality QIA NCC LAN Call  
(Link for Registration will be released when available)  
*Takeaway survey will be October 9, 2020 | **Date**: 9/8/20 @3pm |
| | Host a Patient Support Group Meeting | Monthly Attestation/ Ongoing activity |
| | Invite a patient to your September QAPI meeting | Monthly Attestation/ Ongoing activity |
| | Coordinate with the HTN and PFR on an initiative to celebrate patients who have transitioned to a home modality during the project cycle at your facility. (You may use the NCC – Sending Best Wishes poster, if you have a Health Status Release Form or you may choose to anonymously place a specific color balloon at the patient’s previous chair/station to symbolize them transitioning to a home modality. | **DUE** Date: 10/9/20 |
| | Complete the Takeaway/Post-Project Survey |  |
Notes:

- All activities and due dates are subject to change
- All requested surveys are due by 6pm on the day indicated to avoid escalation
- Acronyms
  - PAC PFR – Patient Advisory Committee – Patient Facility Representative (Patient Role)
  - HTN – Home Therapy Navigator (Staff Role)
  - PSG- Patient Support Group
  - QAPI – Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement
- Patient Support Group – Include Home Dialysis Suggested Topics Link – (Review module for guidance)
- QAPI – Home Dialysis Guided Question Ideas Link – (Review module for guidance)
- Facility Leadership Performance Calls: The Network will be discussing facility performance in the Home Dialysis QIA with QIA Leads, Directors and Regional Leadership. (These calls will be held by organization affiliation. Selected facilities will be notified by email with registration link.)

Helpful Tips for Success in the Home Dialysis QIA:

- Keep a notebook to document your facility’s participation in the Home Dialysis project to share with State Survey Agents if requested
- Formulate an Improvement Plan to increase the rates of patients utilizing a home modality
- Form a Patient Support Group – include patients and family members/caregivers
- Host a lobby day activity (invite a home patient)
- Partner with a home program to host a lobby day – include a home patient to answer questions
- Invite a patient to your facility’s monthly QAPI meeting
- Set up a mentor program to connect patients with a Peer Mentor to share their experience
- Conduct a patient and family education session or support group meeting on home modality options (invite a home patient)
- Actively participate in scheduled webinars and collaborative calls to share ideas, brainstorm through the barriers and celebrate successes
- Conduct an internal kick-off orientation/in-service with all staff members to share your facility’s commitment to increase the number of patients on a home modality (recruit HTN)
- Prepare staff to answer questions from patients about home modality options

For additional resources visit our website at: Network Educational Materials

- Home Dialysis Central: https://www.homedialysis.org/
- AAKP: https://aakp.org/
- MEI: https://meiresearch.org/
- Home Dialyzors United: https://www.homedialyzorsunited.org/
- National Kidney foundation: https://www.kidney.org/

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