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S&C 04-24 COORDINATION OF CARE FOR RESIDENTS WHO RECEIVE
END-STAGE RENAL DISEASE (ESRD) SERVICES

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

In March of 2004, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released a letter outlining the expectations for coordination of care between a Nursing Home (NH) and End-Stage Renal Dialysis (ESRD) services. The information contained in this S&C letter remains current. Residential Care Services (RCS) is re-issuing this letter to remind nursing facilities of the information delineated in 2004.

One of the expectations outlined in the S&C includes the expectation of a written coordination agreement between the ESRD center and the NH in which a dialysis client resides. The purpose of this agreement is to coordinate the provision of services to maximize patient safety and program efficiency.

Recently, questions arose regarding the coordination of services for home dialysis residents. The expectation for a written agreement and coordination of services applies even when a resident is receiving home dialysis and completes all the tasks related to the dialysis him/herself. If a NH is considering admission of a resident who participates in home dialysis, the facility must coordinate with the ESRD center involved and complete a written coordination agreement prior to admitting the resident.

For more information regarding the coordination of ESRD services, please review the S&C letter at the follow link:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/downloads/SCLetter04-24.pdf>

A CMS question and answer page regarding the care of residents who receive ESRD services can be found here:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/downloads/SCLetter04-37.pdf>

Thank you for your continued commitment to the health and safety of nursing home residents. If you have any questions, please contact your local Field Manager.

Sincerely,

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