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**QSO-18-24-ESRD: GUIDANCE AND SURVEY PROCESS FOR REVIEWING HOME
DIALYSIS SERVICES IN A NURSING HOME (REVISED)**

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

In 2018, CMS issued guidance that addressed care at home provisions for nursing home residents that were receiving home dialysis. Since that time, CMS has received questions, comments, and feedback from the state survey agencies, the dialysis provider community, as well as other Federal and non-Federal stakeholders. [QSO-18-24-ESRD \(Revised 3-22-2023\)](#) addresses those questions and incorporates the feedback CMS received.

Facilities that provide End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) must comply with 42 CFR Part 494. Under this CFR, ESRD facilities with an approved Home Training and Support modality may provide home dialysis services to residents in nursing homes facilities. All chronic dialysis patients receiving dialysis services must be under the care of a certified ESRD facility.

ESRD Core Survey Process has been updated to include additional survey activities which evaluate dialysis services provided by an ESRD facility to residents in nursing homes. An advance copy of the survey procedures for ESRD surveyors reviewing dialysis in nursing homes is included as an attachment to QSO-18-24-ESRD.

If you have any questions, please contact Charles Demler, Policy Program Manager, at charles.demler@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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