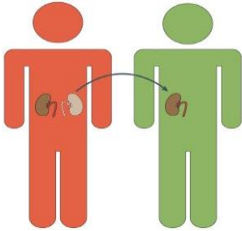




January 2025 E-Newsletter from Network 11

“My Kidney Transplant & Paired Donation Coach”



As a grantee in HRSA’s Increasing Organ Donation Awareness Grant Program, Dr Amy Waterman and her team developed an animated video series about kidney transplants and paired kidney donation. The [grant bulletin](#) and [video series](#) are now live and we encourage you to take a few minutes to view the videos and consider using them as an educational resource for your patients.

FREE Health Literacy Learning and Action (LAN) Call – Tue Jan 21st

This informative Health Equity webinar event will describe digital literacy and identify barriers that contribute to inequities in digital literacy and explore strategies that kidney healthcare providers can implement to promote digital literacy. **Objectives:** •Describe digital literacy and identify barriers that contribute to inequities in digital literacy. •Explore strategies that kidney healthcare providers can implement to promote digital literacy. •Evaluate successful examples of culturally-tailored digital health solutions and their impacts on improving patients’ health outcomes. [Click here](#) to register for this no-cost webinar today!



Special Message from MDH Project Firstline

CDC’s Project Firstline 2024 Wrap Up



Thank you to all healthcare workers for the impact you’ve made this year.

As we bid farewell to 2024, MDH Project Firstline would like to recognize the incredible work that has been accomplished over the last year. This year’s success came from our health care workforce’s unwavering commitment to infection prevention and control. Thank you for your hard work and helping us make health care safer for all.

[Project Firstline Training and Resources](#)

www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/patientsafety/infectioncontrol/pfl/training/index.html

Website: [MDH Project Firstline \(health.mn.gov/projectfirstline\)](http://health.mn.gov/projectfirstline)

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EQRS Health Equity Attestation

Facility commitment to Health Equity is a new reporting measure in the ESRD Quality Incentive Program for calendar year 2024 (due in February 2025). This measure is scored based on an attestation in EQRS consisting of five domains with multiple activities under each domain. Each activity within a domain must have a “yes” attestation to receive points for that domain. The measure score is the sum of the 5 domain scores which are worth 2 points each for a maximum score of 10 points. The facility’s measure score could be 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, or 10 points based on how many domains had positive attestations. Some of you that I/we have met with in-person, **we have incorrectly described this as “yes versus no doesn’t matter regarding scoring”** and we apologize for the miscommunication. Let MKN know if you have any questions.





Midwest Kidney Network

Partnering to improve kidney care

Update on Baxter's North Cove Facility Post-Hurricane

**NORTH COVE
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Baxter

Health & Human Services (HHS) has received several questions from stakeholders specific to Baxter's operations and product availability. The Department cannot speak on behalf of Baxter, and encourages you to visit [Hurricane Helene Updates | Baxter](#) for up-to-date information on the status of their recovery efforts. For customers who need additional assistance beyond their existing communications channels with Baxter, please contact HurricaneHeleneSupport@baxter.com. For more information about Hurricane Helene recovery efforts and available products, please visit the FDA's [website](#).

Exploring Transplant and Living Donation – CE's for RN, SW, RD, & PCT

Health Literacy Media is partnering with the University of Michigan Transplant Center once again to bring the Explore Transplant and Living Donation Dialysis Provider Virtual Training back to your area. Since its conception over 16 years ago this training began as a HRSA funded quality improvement initiative for dialysis professionals. As a health communications nonprofit, HLM continues to partner with transplant centers across the US to offer CEUs to nurses, technicians, dietitians, and social workers who complete the training to improve kidney transplant and living donation knowledge and resources to use with ESKD patients at chairside. **Registration:** <https://bit.ly/UofMI2025>.

SAVE THE DATE

University of Michigan Transplant Center Presents

EXPLORE TRANSPLANT & LIVING DONATION DIALYSIS PROVIDER TRAINING 2-Day VIRTUAL TRAINING

Objective: Enhance your knowledge and skills educating patients about kidney transplant

Thursday, February 27 and Friday, February 28, 2025

Training details:

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. each day
Attendance is expected both days

\$35 includes registration fee, CE credits for nurses, social workers, dietitians and technicians

To register or for more information:

Visit: <https://bit.ly/UofMI2025>

Contact: Stacy Brand or Michele Cromer at
transplantoutreach@med.umich.edu or
(734) 936 - 7093

Content on health literacy, living donation strategies and case studies included!

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ESRD Payments



If you have questions about ESRD payments and reimbursement, please visit the CMS website "ESRD Payment Regulations and Notices" at: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/prospective-payment-systems/end-stage-renal-disease-esrd/esrd-payment-regulations-and-notices>.

You can also contact CMS directly with concerns and questions at esrdpayment@cms.hhs.gov.