



May 2023 E-Newsletter from Network 11

May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

May is a time to raise awareness of and reduce the stigma surrounding behavioral health issues, as well as highlighting the ways how mental illness and addiction can affect all of us – patients, providers, families, and our society at large.

National COVID Emergency Ending May 11, 2023

In last month's newsletter we sent a link to the CMS.gov website with all the details regarding the ending of the national emergency. Here is a [link](#) to a helpful fact sheet from HHS.gov. Important reminder that PCT certification 'flexibility' ends along with the public health emergency. We provide additional information [here](#) or you can reach out to us.

Learning and Action Network (LAN) Calls/Trainings/Webinars



May 16 – Hospitalizations

- Strategies to reduce hospital admissions, readmissions, and emergency department visits
 - Strategies to improve transitions of care
- Registration link [here](#)

May 25 – Home Dialysis

- A discussion surrounding barriers in transitioning to home dialysis
 - Strategies to mitigate barriers to improve home dialysis transition rates
- Registration link [here](#)

Who is Midwest Kidney Network/ESRD Network 11?

Earlier this month we sent out our annual "Intro Letter" to all Facility Administrators, Social Workers, Medical Directors, and more! While that was specifically about us in Network 11, we invite you to visit our webpage and see what our [scope-of-work](#) is and a newly uploaded 1 page flyer from the ESRD National Coordinating Center describing an overview of all networks. It is highly recommended you share this with your Team during a huddle.

Vaccinations for Dialysis Patients

In mid-April the NCC sent out a document with results for "Research of Most Appropriate Vaccinations for Dialysis Patients". This is a very comprehensive and helpful list, so we posted it under our Quality Improvement Projects > [Vaccinations](#) portion of our website. Reminder to check our website frequently for important items such as: recall notices, reducing hospitalization BDPs, transplant, depression, equity, vulnerable populations, etc.



KCER Summit Links

On April 20th the Kidney Community Emergency Response (KCER) held its annual summit. Click below for more info:

- KCER Website: www.kcercoalition.com
- [Preparing for Emergencies: A Guide for People on Dialysis \(kcercoalition.com\)](#)
- [Considerations for Triage: Dialysis Patients in Evacuation Centers \(kcercoalition.com\)](#)
- [Are You Prepared? Get Your Go-Bag Ready Now! \(kcercoalition.com\)](#)