



May 2024 E-Newsletter from Network 11

MKN Begins New Project Year!

Under our contract with CMS, we began a new project year on May 1st which includes several changes to the activities we will be leading and the goal metrics for these projects. We will be sending additional details about the projects in the coming weeks and seeking your feedback regarding barriers that impact quality outcomes. We're pleased to share that on-site visits will continue into the new project year and we're looking forward to seeing more of you in the coming year. In the meantime, please remember that we offer a library of resources for the projects on our website here: <https://www.midwestkidneynetwork.org/providers/quality-improvement-projects> and we are always available to receive your call or email when you have questions.

Health Equity Community Conversations Series – May 14th



Practical Concepts to Practice is a peer-driven virtual learning opportunity to support teams in healthcare and community-based organizations in their work to provide high quality, equitable care and support services to community members including Medicare beneficiaries in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Attendees will share resources, best practices and discuss strategies that can be implemented to advance health equity in their service areas. Join us monthly from May to August 2024 to learn from your peers and from Superior Health Quality Alliance staff about how to put practical health equity concepts into practice. Register here:

<https://my.superiorhealthqa.org/events/event-details/?id=1d88891e-38db-ee11-a73d-6045bdba0840>

Patient Identification Verification is Important!

Completing the CMS 2728 form accurately and timely is critical and can directly impact a patient's entitlement to Medicare under the ESRD provisions of the law. Collecting accurate patient information is also vital to maintaining the EQRS database and ensuring providers receive appropriate and timely reimbursement. **As a friendly reminder, the name and social security number on the CMS 2728 should be the same information that appears on the patient's social security or Medicare card, and the patient's date of birth should also be verified so benefits can be assigned appropriately by the Social Security Office.** If the patient does not have a social security number, please call [Midwest Kidney Network data staff](#) so we can provide guidance about how to appropriately complete and submit the CMS 2728 form.



Revised CMS 2728 Form Coming Soon!



A revised CMS 2728 form is coming soon for all dialysis and transplant providers. **In the meantime, please continue to use the 'old' version of the CMS 2728, until the revised CMS 2728 form goes live in EQRS.** The switch between versions will happen automatically in EQRS. If you would like additional details on the revised CMS 2728 form, please [click here](#) for CMS training guides, updates, and FAQs. For questions, please reach out to [Midwest Kidney Network data staff](#).

CDC and AMA Fireside Chat on Measles Update

Did you miss the latest fireside chat with CDC's [Project Firstline](#) and the [American Medical Association](#)? Don't worry - the recording is now available to watch and share! During the event, speakers from AMA, HHS, and CDC provided important measles updates, including:

- Information on current trends in measles epidemiology.
- Signs and symptoms for recognition of measles.
- Travel-associated risks for measles importation.
- Core healthcare infection prevention measures for healthcare settings.
- Reminders about the importance of the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine.



For more information, watch the full [on-demand recording](#) and view related [resources](#) today!

May is Mental Health Awareness Month!



Kidney transplantation offers patients with end-stage kidney (ESKD) disease freedom from frequent, time consuming, and uncomfortable dialysis treatments. However, successful outcomes are not ensured, and transplant recipients face new challenges, including concerns about transplant rejection and the need to adhere to a complex regimen of immunosuppressive therapy that may generate distressing side effects. Depression is a condition prevalent among patients with ESKD undergoing replacement therapy. It has also been increasingly recognized among kidney transplant recipients. Checkout this FREE webinar on [Mental Health in Kidney Transplant Recipients](#).