Network 8 Transplant Coordination Quality Improvement Activity

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Transplant Coordination QIA

• Background
  – One of four quality improvement activities designated by CMS to the Network
  – 137 facilities selected for this QIA
  – Long term, 5 year CMS goal
    • Increase the national average of ESRD patients on the kidney transplant waiting list from 18.5% to 30% by 2023
Benefits of Transplantation

• Better quality of life for patients
• Fewer diet/fluid restrictions
• Ability to work
• Travel
• Reduced mortality
• No longer dialysis dependent
• Cost effective
The purpose of this presentation is:

1) To introduce and explain the CMS requirements for the QIA to participating facilities

2) To describe the expectations for the facilities involved with the QIA
What do we want to accomplish?

• Early referral to transplant
• Identify and address barriers throughout the 7 stages of the transplant referral process
• Engage multiple stakeholders to participate in the Transplant Learning and Action Network (LAN)
• Promote patient engagement
• Share best practices
What is Patient Engagement?

• Patients (and their families) taking a more active part in their own care.
• Involvement of patients in every step of the process and providing education and training.
• In Action: Shared responsibility between patients and their healthcare team.
CMS Expectations

• CMS has an increased focus on patient engagement at the facility level.
• Projects will require your feedback on patient involvement.
• Education will be provided to your facility patient representative (FPR) or an engaged patient.
Involving Patients

• Appoint a peer mentor for your facility
• Implement new patient adjustment groups or support groups
• Invite your FPR or an engaged patient to participate in your quality meetings
• Invite a patient who previously transplanted to come speak to your current ESRD patients
With all that being said.....

• Goal: Increase the number of patients added to the kidney transplant waiting list by 10 percentage points
  – Baseline: 13.46%
  – Goal: ↑ to 23.46%
  – You will be provided a facility specific goal and progress reports
How are we going to do it?

• Monthly, the NCC will provide data to the Network

• Interventions will include:
  – Root Cause Analysis
  – Facility goals and monthly progress reports
  – Transplant Handbook
  – Relationship building between transplant and dialysis facilities
  – Explore Transplant materials
Got Questions?

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