



NRAA Sends Letter to CMS Requesting Delay of ETC Model Implementation

October 23, 2020 – The National Renal Administrators Association (NRAA) sent a letter to Centers for Medicare and Medicare Services earlier this week urging the Agency to delay the implementation of the ESRD Treatment Choices Model until after the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency concludes.

“Requiring ETC Model participation for selected dialysis facilities that are working diligently and tirelessly to safely care for ESRD patients amid the ongoing COVID-19 PHE poses unnecessary risk and burden to these providers and the highly vulnerable patients they are caring for who are at serious risk for severe outcomes, including death, from COVID-19,” NRAA wrote.

On September 18, 2020, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) within CMS published a final rule to implement the ESRD Treatment Choices Model with the goals of increasing rates of home dialysis and kidney transplantation for beneficiaries with ESRD enrolled in Medicare Fee-for-Service. The mandatory payment model covering 30% of adult ESRD beneficiaries will begin January 1, 2021, and end June 30, 2027.

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About NRAA:

NRAA is a voluntary organization representing dialysis providers throughout the United States. Since 1977, the diverse membership is primarily comprised of small dialysis organizations and medium-sized dialysis organizations and for-profit and non-profit providers serving patients in urban, rural, and suburban areas in both freestanding and hospital-based facilities. NRAA is the leading resource and voice for independent and community-based dialysis providers. For more information, visit www.nraa.org

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