Chronic Kidney Disease Quality Initiative

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Objectives

• Give a clear understanding of Medicare QIO 9th Statement of Work goals
• Present burden of CKD in Georgia
• Outline charge of CKD Quality Initiative
Medicare QIO 9th Statement of Work Goals

QIOs are to improve the quality of care for beneficiaries by:

- Helping providers
- Preventing illness
- Decreasing harm to patients
- Reducing waste in health care
CKD in Georgia

• Kidney disease is the 8th leading cause of death.
• The average cost of dialysis per patient per year is $62,000.
• African Americans are 2.5 times more likely to die from kidney disease than Caucasians.
Theme 7.3 Prevention: CKD

- Statewide
- Examine rates:
  - Improve screening for nephropathy
  - Improve ACE/ARB therapy to prevent disease progression
  - Improve AV fistula rates in incident patients
- Community collaboration
How Do We Make Improvements?

• Recruitment
• Implement system level changes
• Encourage participation in quality incentive initiatives
• Beneficiary education
System Level Change

A modification of a policy or operational approach at one or more organizational levels that results in an improvement in CKD care that is sustainable over time. This change occurred as a result of a QIO intervention or action.
Community Collaboration

- Build partnerships with new entities
- Expand and enhance existing partnerships
- Create greater ownership in coalition
- Utilize available resources
- Engage in innovative problem solving
Current Partners

- ESRD Network 6
- DCH and DHR
- GAPHC
- NKF of Georgia
- GA AFP
- ACS, GA Chapter
- Davita
- GHA
- CERP
- Medicaid Managed Care
- ADA
- Atlanta Vascular Society
- 2 Patient Representatives
- Quest Diagnostics

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