

ESRD NETWORK 13

Serving Arkansas, Louisiana & Oklahoma Renal Communities



ADEQUACY OF HEMODIALYSIS: PERFORMANCE OF DELIVERY OF CARE AUDITS

STANDARD: Each dialysis facility should be routinely monitoring their performance of delivery of care specific to prescriptions and/or protocols addressing adequacy of hemodialysis (HD), utilizing delivery of care audits.

PERFORMANCE TARGET: 100% of hemodialysis (HD) patient records should be reviewed at least twice a year for delivery of renal replacement therapy as prescribed. This target includes review of any home hemodialysis for adherence to prescription & delivery.

CRITERIA: ALL hemodialysis patients.

METHODOLOGY: For the purposes of this standard, delivery audit is defined as a performance review of delivered hemodialysis adequacy factors (e.g., duration, blood flow rates, dialysate flow rates, dialyzer, and achievement of estimated dry weight).

A sample audit tool for performance of delivery of care audits specific to adequacy of hemodialysis has been developed and piloted for use in this activity. In the event that a facility has already established a delivery of care audit tool, it may be submitted in lieu of Network provided tool, as long as the required factors are addressed.

EVALUATION: The MRB requires the Network staff to evaluate facilities for compliance with established standards. Where applicable within ongoing QI activities specific to adequacy of hemodialysis, the Network QI staff will request verification of delivery audits performed by dialysis management.

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