

## DFR, DFC and PSR – What do these mean?

**Dialysis Facility Reports (DFR):** Each year your facility receives a DFR. The information contained in this report facilitates comparisons of patient characteristics, treatment patterns, transplantation rates, hospitalization rates, and mortality rates to local and national averages. This report is provided as a resource for characterizing selected aspects of clinical experience at your facility relative to other providers in your state, ESRD Network, and across the United States. These data are useful for your quality assessment and performance improvement (QAPI) program. Reports also provide you with advance notice of the updated quality measures (urea reduction ratio, hemoglobin, and patient survival) for your facility that will be reported on the Dialysis Facility Compare (DFC) web site.

**Performance Score Report (PSR):** Beginning in 2011, CMS made PSRs available to eligible facilities. The PSR provides facility performance on selected clinical performance measures. The three measures adopted for the initial year of the ESRD QIP include percentage of Medicare patients with an average Hemoglobin <10.0 g/dL, percentage of Medicare patients with an average Hemoglobin >12.0 g/dL, and percentage of in-center hemodialysis Medicare patients with an average Urea Reduction Ratio (URR) ≥65 percent. PSR's can be viewed and downloaded from the DFR website and must be posted in a facility.

These reports are made available electronically to your facility's Master Account Holder.

**Dialysis Facility Compare (DFC)** is a page on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) website. DFC allows patients to search for Medicare-approved dialysis facilities based on a city, state, or specific zip code. DFC provides data about dialysis facilities\* including facility characteristics such as address and phone number, types of dialysis offered, facility ownership, whether a facility offers dialysis shifts after 5 pm, and number of dialysis treatment stations.

DFC also includes information about quality measures such as:

- adequacy of hemodialysis - percent of patients with Urea Reduction Ratio of 65 or greater
- anemia (low red blood cell count) control – percent of patients with hemoglobin less than 10.0 g/dL or hemoglobin greater than 12.0 g/dL
- patient survival information

We encourage you to review the DFR, DFC and PSR information.

Please make sure patients are aware of the DFC website for quality measures.  
It is also useful for locating facilities for transient care or transfers.

Information is available at <http://www.medicare.gov/dialysis>.

**\*Note:** DFC attempts to include all Medicare-certified dialysis facilities; however, it may take several months for newly-approved facilities to appear on this site. Also, there are a few dialysis facilities operating without Medicare certification, and these facilities are NOT listed.