

# Chronic Kidney Disease Quality Initiative

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# Objectives

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- Give a clear understanding of Medicare QIO 9<sup>th</sup> Statement of Work goals
- Present burden of CKD in Georgia
- Outline charge of CKD Quality Initiative

# Medicare QIO 9<sup>th</sup> Statement of Work Goals

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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

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- Kidney disease is the 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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- 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?

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- Recruitment
- Implement system level changes
- Encourage participation in quality incentive initiatives
- Beneficiary education

# System Level Change

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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

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- 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
- GAFP
- ACS, GA Chapter
- Davita
- GHA
- CERP
- Medicaid Managed Care
- ADA
- Atlanta Vascular Society
- 2 Patient Representatives
- Quest Diagnostics

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