

Important Information about the Implementation of CROWNWeb

Modified Schedule

On February 1, 2009, CMS will move, in a modified fashion, CROWNWeb from its testing environment to a production/implementation environment. We are pleased to announce that the software is available on schedule. CMS will launch CROWNWeb to a small, select group of providers across the country—both large- and small-dialysis organizations, as well as independent dialysis facilities across the country. CMS and ESRD Network Organizations will communicate directly with the dialysis facilities that will be part of phase I implementation: facilities that are a part of phase I implementation will be aware of their status no later than Friday, January 23, 2009.

Resume Normal Submissions

Until your facility is phased in to CROWNWeb implementation, you must continue with your normal business operations and reporting requirements as usual. This includes using the SIMS, VISION, and paper-based data (form and report) submissions. Facilities that are not part of the first phase of implementation may continue to meet their requirements under the ESRD conditions for coverage by continuing to use these submission methods.

Training and Registrations Continue

CROWNWeb training is still on schedule, so if you have registered for one of the upcoming face-to-face training sessions, please continue to make plans to attend. Registration for QIPS (CROWNWeb User IDs/Password) and Batch (Delegation of Authority) continues. Support will be available to dialysis facilities from the CROWN Help Desk at 888-ESRD-HD1 or email ESRDHD1@esrd.net as well as ESRD Network organizations. Network 11 will continue to communicate information to our facilities as it becomes available.