

Memo

To: ESRD Providers submitting Letters of Intent-2010 Cycle 1
From: Janis R. Sigman, Manager
Certificate of Need Program
Date: 2/10/2010
Re: Data to Use for ESRD Projects—Cycle 1

Thank you for your Letter of Intent for the upcoming ESRD Concurrent Review—Cycle 1. Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-310-284(2) identifies the data that is to be used by the department in forecasting need for additional dialysis stations. It states:

“Data used to project station need must be the most recent five-year resident in-center year-end patient data available from the Northwest Renal Network as of the first day of the application submission period, concluding with the base year at the time of application.”

For the upcoming review cycle, the base year referenced above is 2008. The most recent year-end data available is the Network’s modality—Washington Residents report for December 31, 2008. This report, dated January 26, 2009. It, along with the December 31 data for 2007, 2006, 2005, and 2004, will be used to project station need. Projections based on this data are posted on the CoN program’s website at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/FSL/CertNeed/Method.htm>

WAC 246-310-284(5) specifies the data that will be used to evaluate whether existing facilities in the planning area are operating at the minimum operating standard per station. That section states:

“Data used to make this calculation must be from the most recent quarterly modality report or successor report from the Northwest Renal Network as of the first day of the application submission period.”

For the upcoming review cycle, the data to be used is limited to Northwest Renal Network data available September 30, 2009. This report, dated November 1, 2009, is the most recent quarterly report available. This report will be used only to calculate a facility’s minimum operating standard per station. The CoN program will be updating the ESRD facility utilization report on its webpage shortly. When updated, the report will be posted on the CoN program’s website at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/FSL/CertNeed/Method.htm>

Please call me at (360) 236-2955 if you have any questions about this data as you prepare your application.