

# CAPABILITY STATEMENT



## Core Competencies

As a national leader in the renal community, the Forum of ESRD Networks:

- Provides recommendations and guidance to government agencies and key stakeholders regarding proposed policy/programs, kidney disease measures, clinical guidelines, and strategic interventions.
- Offers real-time feedback, via direct access to key ESRD patient leaders and all dialysis facilities and transplant centers nationwide, on significant issues impacting the community.
- Spreads evidence-based best practices and evolving innovations between the ESRD Networks and across the renal community via webinars, quality conferences, and other virtual means.
- Develops resources to educate patients and ESRD providers on tools and methods to improve ESRD care, patient quality of life, and patient and family engagement.

## Differentiators

We have the nation's most credible and engaged patient group, the *Kidney Patient Advisory Council* (KPAC), which provides feedback on patients' perspectives, allowing a focus on issues and outcomes that are most relevant to patients.

Through our volunteer council of nationally-recognized nephrologists, the *Medical Advisory Council* (MAC), the Forum provides real-time feedback on clinical care and policy issues, as well as the impact of data.

Our *Executive Director Advisory Council* (EDAC), comprised of all 18 Networks, serves as a primary advisor regarding quality improvement programs and collaborates with national patient and professional stakeholders to achieve bold goals.

## Organizational Profile

The National Forum of the ESRD Networks is the umbrella organization for all 18 ESRD Networks with more than a 3-decade track record of leadership in quality of care and patient-centeredness. The Forum facilitates the flow of information and advances a national quality agenda with CMS and other kidney care organizations that improves the life and clinical care of kidney patients. The Forum is funded by Network membership dues and individual and corporate donations.

## Expertise, Toolkits, and Partnerships

- Expertise — Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD), ESRD Quality Incentive Program (QIP), ESRD Seamless Care Organizations (ESCO), payment models, ESRD data sets and systems, patient- and family-centered care, quality improvement methodology, position paper development, technical expert panels, and ESRD conditions for coverage.
- Toolkits — Depression, grievance, transplant, transitions of care, vaccination, home dialysis, QAPI, medication reconciliation, catheter reduction, and medical director.
- Partnerships — National Quality Forum, Partnership for Patients, Making Dialysis Safer Coalition.

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