Significant Legislation and Regulation of the ESRD Network Program

October 30, 1972 Section 2991 of PL 92-603

- Extended Medicare Coverage to individuals less than 65 years with permanent kidney failure
- Limited reimbursement to treatment centers which meet requirements
- Required minimal utilization rate
- Established MRB to screen appropriateness for initiation of services

June 29, 1973

Federal Regulation

• "Interim Regulations" for implementing ESRD Program

June 3, 1976

Federal Regulation

- Patient eligibility and entitlement
- Facility qualification or certification
- Established ESRD Networks
- Facility reimbursement
- Home dialysis
- Claims processing

June 13, 1978

ESRD Amendments of PL 95-292

 Amended Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, by adding Section 181 establishing ESRD Networks

October 19, 1978

Federal Regulation

• Added requirements related to self dialysis services

April 7, 1986

PL 99-272, Consolidated Omnibus Reconciliation Act

- Required Secretary to maintain Network Organizations
- Permitted the Secretary to consolidate Network Organizations to 14

August 26, 1986

Federal Regulation

- "Interim Regulations" for implementing ESRD Program
- Patient eligibility and entitlement
- Facility qualification or certification
- Facility reimbursement
- Home dialysis
- Claims processing

October 21, 1986

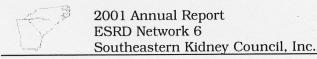
PL 99-509, Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

- Required the Secretary to establish no fewer than 17 Networks
- Funded Networks at \$.50 per treatment performed
 - Revised Network responsibilities
 - Assess appropriateness of care
 - Develop criteria and standards
 - Evaluate/resolve patient grievances
 - Conduct on-site visits
 - Collect, validate, analyze data
 - Recommended sanctions

October 2, 1987

Federal Regulation

• Reorganized Networks into 18 areas



Significant Legislation and Regulation of the ESRD Network Program

December 19, 1989 PL 100-239, OBRA of 1989

- Amended section 1881(c) of the Social Security Act to provide liability protection for Networks against disclosure of information.
- Allowed Secretary to pool the \$.50 per treatment and distribute it among Networks rather than keeping it in the area where collected.