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MATCH-D 2.0: New Version Documents Assessment for PD & Home Dialysis Suitability

As part of its Home Dialysis Central website (<http://www.homedialysis.org>), the non-profit Medical Education Institute (MEI), has updated its free **Method to Assess Treatment Choices for Home Dialysis (MATCH-D)** tool so it can be used to document discussions about suitability for PD or home HD. Version 2.0, which includes check boxes, notes areas, and signature lines that make it ideal for use in patients' medical charts, will help dialysis care teams comply with Conditions for Coverage requirements concerning treatment options and patient assessment.

About the Conditions for Coverage

The Conditions for Coverage, published by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) in April 2008 and effective October 2008, establish requirements that dialysis facilities must meet in order to qualify for reimbursement. These Conditions now state that:

“The patient has the right to be informed about all treatment modalities and settings, including but not limited to, transplantation, home dialysis modalities (home hemodialysis, intermittent peritoneal dialysis, continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis, continuous cycling peritoneal dialysis), and in-facility hemodialysis... receive information for dialysis modalities not offered by the facility, including alternative scheduling options for working patients.” §494.70 (a) (7)

The Conditions also require patient care teams to:

- Evaluate the interest and suitability of every patient for home dialysis §494.80(a)(9)
- Document modality education activity
- Document the reason in-center patients are not at home §494.90(a)(7)(i)

Facilities can use the MATCH-D to meet the evaluation/assessment requirement. The updated version 2.0 will help dialysis clinics easily meet the documentation requirements, as well.

About the MATCH-D

The MATCH-D was developed by Dori Schatell, MS and Beth Witten, MSW, ACSW, LSCSW, with review and input from a multidisciplinary team of home dialysis experts, to help dialysis clinic staff systematically evaluate whether a patient is a good candidate for PD or home HD. The original tool (released in October 2007) includes an explanatory page plus a page for PD and one for home HD, each with information to help triage patients into those who could readily do home treatment, those who would require help to overcome barriers, and those who might not be well-suited for a particular home option. Version 2 includes all these items in a format suitable for documentation and filing in the medical record.

The MATCH-D (versions 1 and 2) is available for free download from the Home Dialysis Central website at: <http://www.homedialysis.org/MATCH-D/>.