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Background

- The End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Incentive Program (QIP) promotes high quality, transparent, cost-efficient care in outpatient dialysis facilities by establishing performance standards that are linked to payment¹.
- A payment reduction of up to two percent can result if facilities fail to meet performance standards as reflected by their annual total performance score (TPS)¹.
- In 2018, the performance at Children's Mercy Hospital (CMH) resulted in narrowly missing a payment reduction.

Aims

- Develop and implement quarterly QIP education
- To increase the TPS of the dialysis program at CMH
- Ensure full reimbursement

Methods

- Develop a Subject Matter Expert (SME)
- Raise awareness of ESRD QIP Program
- Integrate ESRD QIP measure requirements into internal quality tracking tools and processes
- Develop and implement educational interventions on non-adherent measures

Results

- A steady increase in TPS scores for the last 3 years
- PY 2018 TPS- 50 points
 - PY 2019 TPS- 67 points
 - PY 2020 TPS- 84 points

Conclusions

The development of a SME and the sharing of ESRD QIP knowledge resulted in buy-in from dialysis staff and physicians leading to higher TPS scores and the avoidance of payment reduction.

References

¹ End Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program (ESRD QIP). Available from: <https://www.qualitynet.org/esrd/esrdqip>

Improving TPS for the ESRD QIP Program

