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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Licensed and Certified ESRDs in Texas

FROM: Derek Jakovich, JD, MBA, MHA
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SUBJECT: Procedures to Handle ESRD Expansion of Stations or Services in Texas

As clarification for the issue pertaining to new stations and services in End Stage Renal Disease facilities, the CMS FY 2011 Mission and Priority (M & P) document provides clarification by listing "Expansion of Stations or Services" in the M & P under Tier 3 for ESRD. The CMS M & P clarifies this work as Tier 3 work, which is lower priority work within Tier 3 after recertification surveys and initials. It states that the facility will submit an 855A to the fiscal intermediary, and if approved, the facility goes into our tiered workload queue. It is possible that there were some inconsistency across the state in the past, but it has been confirmed with CMS-Dallas Regional Office that a desk review is no longer an option if a recertification survey was done within a year of the expansion request, as we can not recommend recertification to CMS for something that was not there at the time of the recertification survey. With that said, if a facility is due a recertification survey, we have an approved 855A and we are in the area, then we may conduct the survey for the expansion of stations or services at the time of recertification survey. To best utilize resources and due to the Tiers, we will not make special trips to conduct an expansion survey. We expect CMS to continue this guidance for Federal Fiscal Year 2012.

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