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Quality Insights Renal Network 5 Announces Launch of 2021 *5-Diamond Patient Safety Program*

RICHMOND, VA (March 15, 2021) – Quality Insights Renal Network 5 is pleased to announce the launch of the 2021 *5-Diamond Patient Safety Program*. Due to the impact of COVID-19, the 2020 Program Year was extended until February 2021 to allow facilities choosing to participate the opportunity to prioritize patient and staff care.

During the 2020 program year...

- 3,542 dialysis facilities participated (46% of all providers),
- 85% of all participants achieved 5-Diamond status,
- 81% of all DCI facilities nationally participated; 76% earned 5-Diamond status, and
- 98% of all FMC facilities nationally participated; 100% earned 5-Diamond status.

The *5-Diamond Patient Safety Program* is free, open to all facilities nationally, and endorsed by:

- American Association of Kidney Patients (AAKP)
- American Nephrology Nurses' Association (ANNA)
- Dialysis Clinic Inc. (DCI)
- Fresenius Medical Care (FMC)
- Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission (NNCC)
- Renal Healthcare Association [formerly National Renal Administrators Association (NRAA)]
- Renal Physicians Association (RPA)
- U.S. Renal Care

This online educational program is designed to assist dialysis facilities in improving both staff and patient awareness of specific patient safety topics using web-based educational modules addressing all aspects of patient safety. Each module includes objectives, required activities, up-to-date tools and resources, and optional activities. For each module successfully completed, the facility is awarded a "Diamond," culminating in special recognition for 5-Diamond facilities.

New for 2021, we are offering design and functionality experiences for participants, in addition to new/revised module content. The Home and Transplant modules have been updated to align with the Advancing American Kidney Health Initiative and the ESRD Treatment Choices (ETC) model, and the COVID module is being updated to include vaccine information. The *5-Diamond Patient Safety Program* is also partnering with Quality Insights to extend continuing education credit to nurses for completion of the *Culture of Safety* module. The National Nephrology Certification Commission (NNCC) will continue to accept all completed *5-Diamond Patient Safety Program* modules toward

CCHT recertification requirements. Details are available on the 5-Diamond website at <http://5diamondpatientsafety.org/About/Guidelines.aspx#CE>.

Please visit the *5-Diamond Patient Safety Program* website today at <http://5diamondpatientsafety.org>. We invite you to join the 2021 program year; registration is required. Please contact Heather Cecil, National Manager, at hcecil@qualityinsights.org or 804.320.0004 with any questions.

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