



ASN Wins Improvements to the Kidney Care Choices (KCC) Model

After significant outreach from the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) and ASN members with accepted applications to the Kidney Care Choices (KCC) Model – the voluntary model, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) adopted a series of requested improvements on October 15, 2020. The following is a summary:

- 1) Participants will now receive the monthly capitated payment (MCP) that matches the number of in-center hemodialysis visits that are actually billed up to 4 times per month (previously it had been cut down a rate adjusted to 2-3 visits per month)
- 2) Home dialysis rates will be paid at the four-visit rate.
- 3) The alignment period for patients with CKD is now 12-months instead of 6-months. Patients can be seen twice in 12 months, instead of twice in 6 months, to remain aligned to an entity.
- 4) Payments for CKCC will go to the nephrology practice, instead of the “CKCC created entity”

ASN will continue to monitor developments to both the KCC Model and the ESRD Treatment Choices (ETC) Model and provide ongoing updates.