

Kidney Care Choices Model Application Process Office Hour

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Office Hours Overview

Session Objectives: Provide a refresher on the Kidney Care Choices (KCC) Model, specifically on the application timeline and submission process, and answer your questions.

- KCC Model Overview
- KCC Application Timeline and Submission Process
- Open Q&A

Please **submit questions via the Q&A feature** on the bottom of the Zoom platform throughout the session.

The KCC Model Builds on the CEC Model

Comprehensive ESRD Care (CEC) Model

- CEC Model began in October 2015 and will run through December 31, 2020.
- Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) formed by dialysis facilities, nephrologists, and other Medicare providers and suppliers work together with the goal to improve outcomes and reduce per capita expenditures for aligned end-stage renal disease (ESRD) beneficiaries.
- Results for the Model showed lower spending relative to benchmark group and improvements on some utilization and quality measures.



KCC Model

- The KCC Model will begin in 2020 and will run through 2023 with the option for CMMI to extend the Model for one or two additional years.
- Single set of providers and suppliers responsible for patient's care from CKD Stages 4 and 5 through dialysis, transplantation, or end of life care.

KCC Model Timeline and Next Steps

- The Model will run from Spring 2020 through December 31, 2023, with the option for CMS to extend the Model for one or two additional years.
 - Selected providers and suppliers will begin Model participation in 2020 with a focus on building necessary care relationships and infrastructure.
 - Payment adjustments will begin in 2021.
- CMS released the Request for Application in October 2019 and **applications are due January 22, 2020.**

More information will be available on the [KCC Model website](#). Sign up via email and follow CMS on Twitter (@CMSinnovates).

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Thank You!

Thank you for attending the KCC Application Office Hour! For more information on KCC, please refer to the additional resources below.

- Sign up for our [KCC listserv](#)
- Visit the website at <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/kidney-care-choices-kcc-model/>
- Apply at the RFA Online portal at <https://app1.innovation.cms.gov/KCC/>
- Follow us on Twitter at @CMSinnovates
- For any questions, please email the KCC Model team: KCF-CKCC-CMMI@cms.hhs.gov