

Kidney Care Choices Model: Request for Applications

CLARIFICATIONS

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This document intends to communicate clarifications to the Kidney Care Choices (KCC) Model's Request for Applications (RFA) since its posting on October 24, 2019. These clarifications provide additional information around the structure of potential applicants to the KCC Model and respond to confusion from stakeholders, particularly for the Kidney Care First (KCF) Model Option. These clarifications reflect the unique structure of nephrology practices while also maintaining the integrity of the model goals and evaluation.

The clarifications to the KCF and CKCC Options cover the following areas:

1. Calculation of revenue to meet practice eligibility requirements
2. Physical practice location related to the Tax Identification Number (TIN)

Please email the KCC Model team at KCF-CKCC-CMMI@cms.hhs.gov with any questions.

Page(s)	Original or Referenced Text	Additional Clarification
13	To be eligible to participate in the KCF Option, the practice will need to demonstrate that at least 50% of the practice's total revenue from the previous 6 months comes from nephrology services; The practice must receive at least 50% of its Medicare payments for services furnished to beneficiaries with CKD, ESRD, or a functioning transplant.	CMS will calculate this threshold based solely on the nephrologists from the practice who apply to the model to verify that at least 50% of the revenue for those self-identified nephrologists who apply comes from seeing beneficiaries with CKD, ESRD, or a functioning transplant. CMS encourages participation from larger practices or multispecialty practices, but still requires that at least 80% of nephrologists in the entity that have reassigned the right to receive Medicare payments to the entity must participate in the model.
12	A practice is defined as all individual National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) billing under a single TIN at a practice site's physical address.	A practice is defined as all Individual National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) under a single TIN, which can include practices with a main billing address, but multiple physical locations.