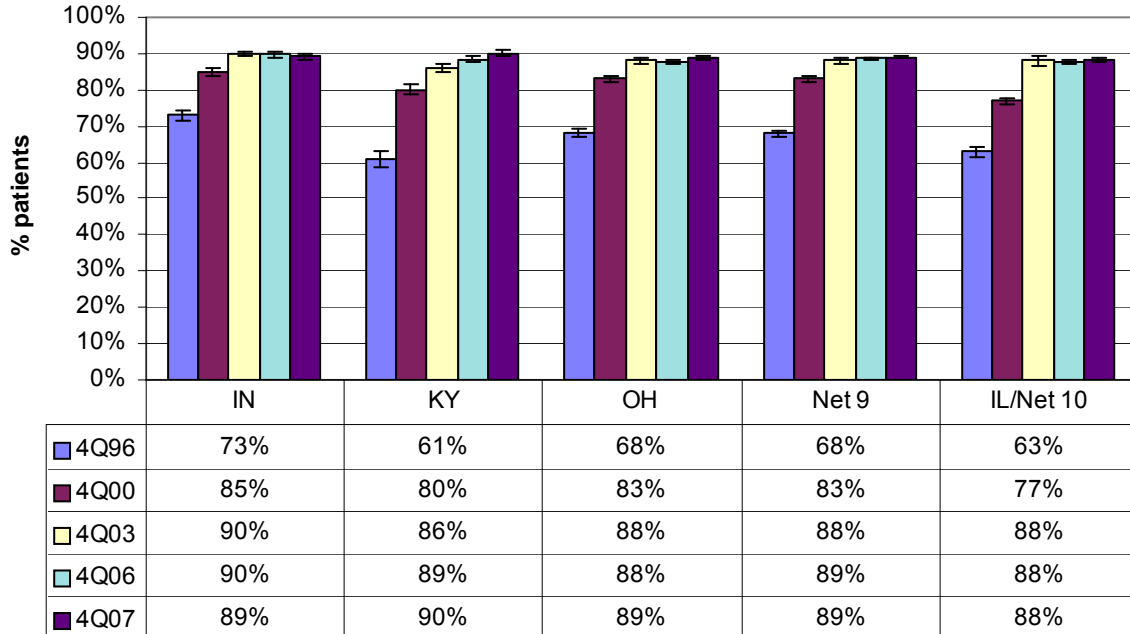


Chart 3.Goal 1.B-2
Percentage of HD Patients with URR >= 65%
by State and Network 9/10 for Selected Collection Periods
 >=95% of patient population achieve URR >=65%



Adequacy of Dialysis Goals 2007 - Peritoneal Dialysis (revised May 2007)

All patients measured for adequacy every four months.

85% or more PD patients achieve at least a weekly Kt/V of ≥ 1.7

Anemia Management Goals 2007 - Hemodialysis & Peritoneal Dialysis (Charts 3.Goal 1.B-3 and 3.Goal 1.B-4)

All hemodialysis patients measured every month

All peritoneal dialysis patients measured at every PD clinic visit

Previously, The Renal Network goal was to have 85% or more patients achieve a hemoglobin of 11 gm/dL or greater. The MRB believes that data from the recently published trials and the K/DOQI revised anemia guidelines make it inappropriate to use a percentage cutoff above a hemoglobin of 11 gm/dL. In the interest of quality of patient care, The Renal Network will no longer use this goal as a quality indicator for dialysis units.

The MRB had much discussion in the spring of 2007 concerning the use of erythropoietin stimulating agents (ESA) in chronic kidney disease (CKD) patients requiring dialysis. The following statement was sent to dialysis facilities and is on the Web site at www.therenalnetwork.org:

