

E. Community Outreach Through Data

Network 9/10 uses its database as a constant source of information on the ESRD population for the renal community. During 2009, Network 9/10 filled 128 requests for Statistical Report data, ZIP Code and county data, facility demographic profiles, utilization rates, and compliance data. Data requests are received continuously from a variety of interested parties, including:

- Requests from facilities for information on their own programs. Often these requests ask for historical information to allow the facility to assess trends.
- Requests from organizations attempting to establish new ESRD programs within a given area, or from

current providers who are attempting to expand their services. Data often requested includes capacity and utilization figures, and patients by residence, divided by county or ZIP Code. (All patient data released is done within the confines of established CMS confidentiality rules.)

- Requests from state health planning agencies to assist them in assessing the need for ESRD service when reviewing Certificate of Need (CON) applications.
- Requests from researchers in a variety of interests, such as patients dialyzing by modality, by diagnoses, demographic information, and transplantation.