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MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrators, Renal Dialysis Facilities

FROM: Gwen C. Thompson, Director
Division of Health Licensing

SUBJECT: Provider-Wide Exception – Number of Physician Visits per Year

Section 403.B.3 of Regulation 61-97, Standards for Licensing Renal Dialysis Facilities, requires “Documentation of physician’s visit, at least weekly, by either progress note or run (flow) sheet for at least one year (at least one month of the most current run sheets must be maintained in the active file);”

In consideration of the Department’s commitment to establishing standards that do not compromise the health, safety, and well-being of patients of renal dialysis facilities, it has been determined that all renal dialysis facilities will be required to meet the standard outlined in the licensing standards, *i.e.*, R.61-97, Section 403.B.3 that requires documentation of physician’s visit at least weekly, **as an alternative:**

The facility must document physician’s visits, by either progress note or run (flow) sheet for at least one year (at least one month of the most current run sheets must be maintained in the active file). Physician’s visits must be made at least four (4) times a month, evenly spaced throughout the month, and no more than twelve (12) calendar days between consecutive visits.

This exception applies to any renal dialysis facility licensed by the Department. It relates solely to SC licensing standards. Any adverse condition(s) that may be related to this exception may result in revocation of the exception by the Department.

If there are any questions regarding the above, please call Shara Merritt at (803) 545-4976.

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