The CMS ESRD QIP Rule report in NHSN is used to verify if a facility has met the CMS reporting requirements in NHSN.

3 steps to meeting the reporting criteria for any given month:

1. Submit a monthly reporting plan with “DE” checked

2. Submit dialysis events or if there were zero dialysis events, select the corresponding “Report No Events” checkboxes on the Denominators for Outpatient Dialysis Census Form

3. Complete and submit the Denominators for Outpatient Dialysis Census Form

A facility has met the CMS reporting requirements in NHSN if a **“Y”** appears in the column ‘Criteria Met this Month’ on the CMS ESRD QIP Rule report. If an **“N”** appears in any column, then there is something missing or completed inaccurately in NHSN. Here are troubleshooting tips to help identify the cause of the problem and how to correct the data.

**Troubleshooting**

**Monthly Reporting Plan Problem: An “N” appears in the column ‘DE on Reporting Plan’ of the report. The facility did not complete a monthly reporting plan or the plan was not submitted accurately.**

• **First possible cause**: A reporting plan was not submitted. **Solution**: ***ADD*** a monthly reporting plan.

• **Second possible cause**: A reporting plan was submitted but the Dialysis Event (DE) box was not checked **Solution**: ***EDIT*** the monthly reporting plan and enter a check in the Dialysis Event (DE) box.

• **Third possible cause**: A reporting plan was submitted but the box ‘No NHSN Reporting this Month’ was checked. **Solution**: ***EDIT*** your monthly reporting plan, **uncheck** the box ‘No NHSN Reporting this Month’, and check the Dialysis Event (DE) box.

**Numerator Problem: An “N” appears in the column ‘Dialysis Event Numerator Reported’ of the report. The facility did not submit any events that occurred during the month or did not confirm that zero dialysis events occurred correctly.**

• **First possible cause**: Dialysis events were collected but were not submitted in NHSN. **Solution**: ***ADD*** the unreported dialysis events

• **Second possible cause**: One or more of the three dialysis event types did not occur, but were not confirmed correctly in NHSN. **Solution**: ***Edit*** the Denominators for Outpatient Dialysis Census Form and check the corresponding “Report No Events” checkboxes.

**Denominator Problem: An “N” appears in the column ‘Dialysis Event Denominator Reported’ of the report.**

• **Cause:** The facility did not submit the Denominators for Outpatient Dialysis Census Form. **Solution:** ***Add*** the Denominators for Outpatient Dialysis Census Form.

***Tip***: Always generate new data sets before running your CMS ESRD QIP Rule report – especially after you correct your data. This ensures the report will be created using current data.