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Dear Illinois Dialysis Providers,

The [Illinois Department of Public Health \(IDPH\)](#) is teaming up with [QSource End-Stage Renal Disease \(ESRD\) Network 10](#) to extend assistance and resources to dialysis service providers across Illinois. Implementing robust infection prevention and control (IPC) measures is vital to prevent infections within healthcare facilities, including dialysis centers.

We would like to better understand how we can best support dialysis centers. Please complete this brief survey to provide feedback about your facility's infrastructure and needs related to IPC: <https://redcap.link/ILDialysis>



In addition, as a courtesy to facilities, [IDPH's Division of Patient Safety and Quality](#) will begin conducting non-regulatory, on-site evaluations focusing on outpatient dialysis facilities. An Infection Prevention Specialist from IDPH will be contacting your facility to coordinate a comprehensive [infection control assessment and response evaluation \(ICAR\)](#) at no cost. This visit, utilizing the CDC's established ICAR tool, will take a few hours to complete. To sustain and foster quality improvements, the Infection Prevention Specialist will provide customized resources, evidence-based tools, and IPC follow-up.

The primary goal of this visit is to provide technical guidance, recognizing your dedication to patient safety and infection prevention practices. Several Illinois facilities have strengthened their patient and staff education through the ICAR process, while also identifying areas of quality improvement. We look forward to continuing this partnership. Please reach out with any additional questions to our dialysis team, Alison VanDine, MPH, CIC and Valbona Cela, MPH, or to directly schedule an ICAR at dph.dialysis@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

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