

The Intermountain End Stage Renal Disease Network Inc., which holds the contracts for ESRD Network 15 and 17, has announced plans to affiliate with HealthInsight, a nonprofit, community-based health care consulting organization, to create the HealthInsight ESRD Alliance. The partnership aims to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and reach of quality health care for patients and providers across the western United States. Participants in the new HealthInsight ESRD Alliance will retain their corporate identities and will continue to use their current names alongside the HealthInsight ESRD Alliance name.

Headquartered in Salt Lake City, HealthInsight has more than 40 years of experience assisting front-line providers and engaging health care stakeholders. As a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Quality Innovation Network Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) HealthInsight serves Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah, as well as in Oregon through a partnership with Acumentra Health. The organization works with health care providers, stakeholders and patient communities to transform care and improve care delivery and patient outcomes.

Intermountain ESRD Network Inc. represents CMS ESRD Networks 15 and 17, respectively and has provided services to CMS as an ESRD Network organization since 1978. Intermountain ESRD Network Inc. was awarded a second contract to operate ESRD Network 17 in 2006 and both Networks contracts have been operated successfully under common management and governance since that time.

Network 15 serves Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. Network 17 serves Northern California, Hawaii, Guam, Mariana Islands-Saipan and American Samoa.

“The Intermountain ESRD Network is excited to partner with HealthInsight. Our organizations share a passion for bringing quality care to the patients we serve and believe that this partnership will further expand the capabilities for both organizations,” said Darlene Rodgers, executive director of Networks 15 and 17.

Under the terms of the agreement, Intermountain ESRD Network, Inc. will become a subsidiary and function as a division of HealthInsight by Jan. 1, 2016.

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