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Subject: Modified Plan for CROWNWeb Roll Out

On January 16th 2009, CMS informed all ESRD Network Organizations that

- CMS will use a phased implementation approach in rolling out CROWNWeb. CMS will begin with a small, select group of providers/facilities. The Agency will expand implementation to all facilities in phases.
- Under this phased approach CMS will select a group of providers across the country that includes both large and small-dialysis organizations, as well as independent dialysis facilities. Only those facilities selected by CMS will submit data using CROWNWeb from February 1, 2009.
- Network of New England facilities should continue to meet their requirements of data submission under the ESRD conditions for coverage by submitting data to ESRD Network of New England. This means submitting by paper or using VISION. Effective immediately, facilities should resume processing of CMS-2728, CMS-2746, and Monthly Patient Activity reports. Send all hardcopy forms to the Network immediately, including any forms that you are currently holding.

At this time, Network of New England has limited information on this change in implementation of CROWNWeb. We will continue to communicate information as it becomes available.

Questions about the technical implementation of CROWNWeb should be directed to the CROWN Help Desk (1-888-ESRD-HD1, or email ESRDHD1@esrd.net). Please call Network office at 203-387-9332 for any other questions.