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Commission on Kidney Disease Eva Schwartz, MS. MT. SBB(ASCP) Executive Director 4201 Patterson Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21215

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Dear Administrator,

The Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.30.05 Fee Schedule, establishes the fees for annual certification issued by the Commission on Kidney Disease. Each Facility that requests certification with the Commission for reimbursement purposes from the Kidney Disease Program must pay a yearly certification/recertification fee to the State.

Facilities that would not seek certification/recertification with the Commission would not be entitled to the 20% co-payment or any other reimbursement from the Kidney Disease Program (KDP) on behalf of certified patients. Specifically, patients who are certified with the Kidney Disease Program cannot get reimbursement from the KDP, if they dialyze in a center that is not certified with the Commission.

The certification fee is assessed upon present active patient population and will cover the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. The fee should be submitted electronically to the Maryland Commission on Kidney Disease via the website: <a href="health.maryland.gov/mdckd">health.maryland.gov/mdckd</a> no later than <a href="June 15">June 15</a>, 2024. Please note that a late fee of 10% of the certification fee shall be assessed if payment is received after <a href="June 30">June 30</a>, 2024. <a href="Recertification">Recertification</a> of a facility will not be granted if late fees are not remitted when applicable.

Please inform us immediately upon any changes in the administrative staff, i.e., CEO/Facility Administrator, Medical Director, Director of Nursing, Social Worker, and Dietitian, location and/or services provided by your facility. A surveyor may inspect the facility throughout the certification period.

The Commission wishes to invite you to attend its quarterly Commission meetings. If you wish to be placed on the Commission's email list please contact the Commission's office. Additionally, all approved public minutes and pertinent information to the ESRD community is available on the Commission's website @ health.maryland.gov/mdckd. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-764-4799.

Sincerely,

## **Eva Schwartz**

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