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### **MEI Launches New KDQOL COMPLETE to Help Dialysis Clinics Meet CMS Regulations**

**Madison, Wisconsin**—Starting May 5, 2009, dialysis clinics can subscribe to KDQOL COMPLETE, a secure, encrypted, easy-to-use online program to score the Kidney Disease Quality of Life (KDQOL) survey—in English & Spanish—and generate quality improvement reports. KDQOL COMPLETE will help clinics comply with new CMS regulations to administer the KDQOL-36 survey annually to most adult patients. It was developed by the non-profit Medical Education Institute (MEI) as part of the Life Options Program.

KDQOL COMPLETE will save staff time by giving clinic staff a quick and easy way to:

- Download KDQOL-36 surveys in English & Spanish (more languages to come)
- Enter data on a single screen and score surveys automatically
- Print personalized, case-mix adjusted patient reports (in English & Spanish)
- Generate a CMS-approved 1-page score summary for patient charts
- Document compliance with Conditions for Coverage and CPM requirements
- View clinic-wide results (in a variety of formats) for quality improvement
- Securely store all KDQOL data in one place—and export it when needed

#### **Low-cost subscription**

Clinics can subscribe at <http://www.KDQOL-COMPLETE.org> and the annual fee for unlimited use is based on clinic census. Clinics with fewer than 10 patients pay \$100/year, those with 11 to 49 patients pay \$250/year, and those with 50 or more, \$350/year.

#### **Optional: Data entry service**

Clinics can save additional staff time by opting to have MEI enter survey data. KDQOL COMPLETE subscribers can use this service for an additional fee of \$2 per survey, plus return postage, for a minimum of \$50 per data entry request.

#### **About the Medical Education Institute**

The MEI is a non-profit private operating foundation dedicated to helping people with chronic disease learn to manage and improve their health. Since 1993, the MEI has administered the Life Options program ( <http://www.lifeoptions.org> ) to help people with kidney disease live long and live well. The launch of KDQOL COMPLETE marks the realization of a long-time Life Options goal to help dialysis professionals measure health-related quality of life, which predicts hospitalization and mortality in this population. KDQOL-36 results can be used to identify patients who are at risk for poor outcomes and enable intervention to help them do better.