

Request for Information
CROWNWeb IT solutions for the Independent ESRD facilities
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RFI Response Objectives:

Due to Dialysis market changes and regulatory rules, there has become the need to obtain a vehicle for the independent ESRD (Non Fresenius, DaVita, and DCI) facilities (the "MARKET") to submit CROWNWeb data effectively and efficiently. Additionally, it would be desirable to provide some value back to the facilities for their data submission. Due to the nature of the independent ESRD market, the solution must also minimize the burden, disruption and cost of submission to CMS. The RFI response should explain how such a solution could be provided to the MARKET.

RFI Requirements:

All submitting entities must demonstrate a current methodology / ability for a scope of aggregation of data from facilities for at least 70% of the MARKET. This ability to achieve aggregation of over 70% of the MARKET should be based on a current platform within the MARKET that will function as a means of aggregation.

Technology Platform:

Given the diversity of location of the facilities within the MARKET and the various levels of technological capabilities, the solution must be a web application. The response must discuss experience with Software as a Service using web platforms. Additionally, as some of the data is expected to be submitted to electronically via batch submission through the proposed solution, the response should discuss experience with creation, maintenance, and support of electronic interfaces. Lastly, support of the proposed solution must be discussed, including staffing number and schedules and anticipated response times.

Evaluation Process

All responses will be evaluated by the NRAA's Executive and Legislative board. Responses will be provided to applicants within a reasonable time.

Terms and Conditions

This solution is an unfunded opportunity. Please submit the estimated cost per patient per month that the facility will pay to utilize the application. All hardware, software, engineering, and maintenance costs will be the sole responsibility of the submitting entity.

Vendor Response Format

The appropriate response is a narrative with a clear, concise response to the RFI. Pricing must be included.

References

Please provide three references that will support the abilities of the claims set forth by the submitting entity.