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## **Patient Education is Key for Clinics Using New Payment Models**

Madison, Wisconsin—New CMS Payment Models that aim to <u>reduce costs</u>, <u>incentivize home</u> <u>dialysis and transplant</u>, and <u>slow CKD progression</u> are now in effect, so participating clinics will need to make education a central focus of patient care.

<u>Educational materials</u> from the non-profit <u>Medical Education Institute (MEI)</u> support **values-based, patient-centered treatment choices**. These materials will also help clinics meet the goals of the Advancing American Kidney Health Initiative. MEI's suite of patient education materials are:

- Based on published science (each piece gets a full literature review)
- Hopeful in tone, as patients are scared and cannot learn until they get past their fears
- Written paragraph-by-paragraph at a 5th-6th grade reading level (Unique to MEI)
- Grounded in motivational theory to engage people in an active self-management role
- Culturally sensitive in messages and images; most are in English and Spanish
- Designed to work together—and to promote home dialysis
- Low cost or FREE

## **Contact MEI About Your Patient Education Needs**

<u>Click here to see a catalog of MEI resources</u>, or call MEI at (608) 833-8033 if you'd like to discuss your educational needs and request a sample packet of MEI print materials. Products can also be viewed at <a href="https://store.mei.org/all-products/">https://store.mei.org/all-products/</a>.

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