

articles of incorporation and protocols for patients. The applicant should state how these elements will impact care, as well as service integration, utilization, access and availability.

Also, the applicant will be judged on its experience in conducting projects of similar clinical scope and organizational complexity as that proposed for the demonstration.

(f) *Information Systems and Management Plan.* Applicant organizations will be evaluated on whether they have sufficient management and clinical information systems and reporting mechanisms to implement the demonstration, including the ability and commitment to provide individual health status (for example, the Health Outcomes Survey) and utilization data. In addition, the applicant should delineate the information that will be collected to support this demonstration, for example, the CMS 2728 (both for new patients and existing patients pending demonstration entry), line item costs for prescribed medications, labs, radiology and other services, all comorbid conditions, patient demographics and facility characteristics.

#### 4. Capability for Quality Assessment and Improvement (15 points)

Under the demonstration, we will link financial incentives to improvements in quality outcome indicators.

Knowledge and participation in our ESRD Clinical Performance Measures Project will be beneficial.

Applicants will also be evaluated on their quality improvement system, including the following:

- Written quality improvement policies and procedures.
- A standing quality improvement committee.
- Patient grievance and appeal systems.
- Provider credentialing system.
- Organizational modification methodology for applicants planning to shift from fee-for-service to the managed care model.

An organization's application will be evaluated on how it will measure improvements in health outcomes attributable to its disease management interventions.

### XI. Final Awards

From among the most highly qualified applicants, the final selection of projects for the demonstration will be made by the Administrator and will take into consideration a number of factors, including operational feasibility, budget neutrality, geographic location, and program priorities (such as testing a

variety of approaches for delivering services, targeting beneficiaries, and payment). We reserve the right to determine the scope of the project, which includes limiting the number of awards and beneficiaries covered under the demonstration. In evaluating applications, we rely on our past experience with successful and unsuccessful demonstrations. We expect to make the awards in 2003.

### XII. Collection of Information Requirements

The application and instructions associated with this solicitation are approved under OMB control number 0938-0880, with a current expiration date of 05/31/03. We have requested a three year extension of the application. Pending OMB approval, this current application is valid through the interim period. The form and instructions can be obtained from the CMS web site referenced elsewhere in this notice.

#### Appendix I: Services Included in the Expanded Dialysis Bundle

##### A. Drugs

EPO (Erythropoietin, Epoetin Alpha) HCPCS Codes Q9920-Q9940 Aranesp (J0880)  
Iron (J1750, J1755, J1760, J1770, J1780, J2915, J2916)  
Vitamin D (J0630, J0635, J0636, J2500, J1270)  
Levocarnitine (J1955)  
Phosphate Binders (J0610)

##### B. Labs/Radiology

Laboratory HCPCS Codes (208 codes)

73120 X-Ray Exam Hand  
75710 Artery X-Rays Arm/Leg  
75716 Artery X-Rays Arms/Legs  
75774 Artery X-Ray, Each Vessel  
75893 Venous Sampling by Catheter  
75964 Repair Artery Blockage; Each  
76070 CT Scan, Bone Density Study  
76075 Dual Energy X-Ray Study  
76092 Mammogram, Screening  
76778 Echo Exam Kidney Transplant  
78070 Parathyroid Nuclear Imaging  
78351 Bone Mineral Dual Photon  
80048 Basic Metabolic Panel  
80051 Electrolyte Panel  
80053 Comp Metabolic Panel  
80061 Lipid Panel  
80069 Renal Function Panel  
80074 Acute Hepatitis Panel  
80076 Hepatic Function Panel  
80156 Assay Carbamazepine  
80162 Assay for Digoxin  
80185 Assay for Phenytoin  
80186 Assay for Phenytoin, Free  
80197 Assay for Tacrolimus  
80198 Assay for Theophylline  
80202 Assay for Vancomycin  
80410 Calcitonin Stimulation Panel  
81000 Urinalysis, Nonauto, W/Scope  
81001 Urinalysis, Auto, W/Scope  
81002 Urinalysis, Nonauto W/O Scop  
81003 Urinalysis, Auto, W/O Scope  
81005 Urinalysis  
81007 Urine Screen for Bacteria  
81015 Microscopic Exam Urine

82009 Test for Acetone/Ketones  
82010 Acetone Assay  
82017 Acylcarnitines, Quant  
82040 Assay Serum Albumin  
82042 Assay Urine Albumin  
82108 Assay, Aluminum  
82232 Beta-2 Protein  
82247 Bilirubin Total  
82248 Bilirubin Direct  
82270 Test Feces Blood  
82306 Assay Vitamin D  
82307 Assay Vitamin D  
82308 Assay Calcitonin  
82310 Assay Calcium  
82330 Assay Calcium  
82374 Assay Blood Carbon Dioxide  
82379 Assay Carnitine  
82435 Assay Blood Chloride  
82465 Assay Serum Cholesterol  
82550 Assay CK (CPK)  
82565 Assay Creatinine  
82570 Assay Urine Creatinine  
82575 Creatinine Clearance Test  
82607 Vitamin B-12  
82728 Assay Ferritin  
82746 Blood Folic Acid Serum  
82747 Folic Acid, RBC  
82800 Blood PH  
82803 Blood Gases: PH, PO2, PCO2  
82805 Blood Gases W/O2 Saturation  
82810 Blood Gases, O2 Sat Only  
82945 Glucose Other Fluid  
82947 Assay Quantitative, Glucose  
82948 Reagent Strip/Blood Glucose  
82950 Glucose Test  
82977 Assay GGT  
83036 Glycated Hemoglobin Test  
83540 Assay Iron  
83550 Iron Binding Test  
83718 Blood Lipoprotein Assay  
83735 Assay Magnesium  
83937 Assay Osteocalcin  
83970 Assay Parathormone  
83986 Assay Body Fluid Acidity  
84075 Assay Alkaline Phosphatase  
84100 Assay Phosphorus  
84105 Assay Urine Phosphorus  
84132 Assay Serum Potassium  
84133 Assay Urine Potassium  
84134 Assay Prealbumin  
84155 Assay Protein  
84160 Assay Serum Protein  
84295 Assay Serum Sodium  
84315 Body Fluid Specific Gravity  
84443 Assay Thyroid Stim Hormone  
84450 Transferase (AST) (SGOT)  
84460 Alanine Amino (ALT) (SGPT)  
84466 Transferrin  
84478 Assay Triglycerides  
84520 Assay Urea Nitrogen  
84540 Assay Urine Urea-N  
84545 Urea-N Clearance Test  
84630 Assay Zinc  
85002 Bleeding Time Test  
85004 Automated Diff WBC Count  
85007 Differential WBC Count  
85008 Nondifferential WBC Count  
85009 Differential WBC Count  
85013 Hematocrit  
85014 Hematocrit  
85018 Hemoglobin  
85021 Automated Hemogram  
85022 Automated Hemogram  
85025 Automated Hemogram  
85027 Automated Hemogram  
85032 Manual Cell Count, Each