

Southern California Renal Disease Council, Inc.

ESRD Network 18

MEDICAL REVIEW BOARD STATEMENT RIGHT TO CHOOSE A PHYSICIAN

Purpose:

As the quality management body representing the Southern California Renal Disease Council (SCRDC), ESRD Network 18, the Medical Review Board (MRB) would like you to be aware of your right to choose a physician and/or dialysis facility.

Statement:

You have a voice in choosing your physician and/or dialysis facility. There may be other restrictions involved (such as location, insurance coverage, types of services available) that affect the final decision about your facility, but your preferences must be taken into account. If your physician decides to leave your current facility, you have the following options:

- Keep your physician, leave your facility, and transfer to your physician's new facility;
- Change your physician and stay at your current facility;
- Change your physician and transfer to an entirely different facility.

We realize that these can be difficult choices for you. We want to reassure you that we are here to make sure that any decisions you make are done without *duress or pressure* from facility staff, physicians, or any other outside source.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact the SCRDC Patient Services Coordinator at (800) 637-4767.

Mission Statement

To provide leadership and assistance to renal dialysis and transplant facilities in a manner that supports continuous improvement in patient care, outcomes, safety and satisfaction.

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