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Hi Doug,

I was talking to Jeanette Holman, Brian Fordham, and Tashia Sample about ESRD after the Healthcare Reform Rule Making Advisory Committee today and they gave me your contact information to share what Kaiser is doing. I have included the information they provided below about an alternative they are moving forward with that I thought was very interesting.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information on this.

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Good Afternoon,

I just wanted to give you a heads up that we will be bringing care in-house for members who are on Peritoneal Dialysis.

In an effort to provide high quality, consistent care, overseen and coordinated by a Kaiser Permanente team of experts, all peritoneal dialysis care will now be provided internally, at Kaiser Permanente facilities, by integrated team of Kaiser Permanente specialists.

Peritoneal dialysis (PD) is a widely accepted method of treating end stage renal disease (ESRD) – allowing PD patients the flexibility to dialyze at home, at work or on vacation. This has been shown to preserve renal function for an increased period of time. It also offers patients more flexibility, independence, more control over self-care; fewer diet restrictions - and improved quality of life when compared to hemodialysis.

PD care consists of two critical components: 1) patient training to self-administer this type of dialysis in their own homes, and 2) monthly lab tests and appointments with a team of specialists.

Currently PD care is provided by contracted external vendors for both the required training, monthly laboratory tests, and monthly appointments with a multidisciplinary team at the contracted facilities. Kaiser Permanente nephrologists travel to the vendor locations and work with the vendor nursing and specialty staff for the monthly visits.

Moving forward, PD training will take place in a new “**Kaiser Sunnybrook Peritoneal Dialysis Facility**” located in Sunnybrook Medical Office building on the Sunnyside Medical Center campus. Monthly PD visits will take place in the Nephrology department at one of the following Medical Offices: Westside or Sunnybrook.

We want to provide members with the best care. When care is coordinated across our integrated system, our teams have a more complete picture of each member's total health. Skilled, consistent PD nurses, social workers and dieticians are critical to managing a high quality PD program. Our expanded team of expert clinicians and resources – nephrologists, specialized nurses, case managers, and registered dieticians – work together to care for our patients with end-stage renal disease. In addition, patients will be able to take care of their needs - pharmacy, lab, and imaging services – all on site, during their visit.

This transition will begin in Portland in November of 2015 and our other areas, Salem and Longview in 2016. We have one OEBC and one PEBB member who will be impacted in the Portland area. We are proactively notifying members of this change.