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Merger Completed for ESRD Network 4, 9 and 10

ESRD Network 4, ESRD Network 9, and ESRD Network 10 have merged under The Renal Network, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation which has been the contract holder for ESRD Network 9 and Network 10 since 1996.

This merger creates a six-state regional Network area covering Pennsylvania and Delaware (Network 4); Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky (Network 9); and Illinois (Network 10). The merged Networks of The Renal Network now serve approximately 58,537 patients in 989 dialysis facilities, and 42 kidney transplant centers. ESRD Network 9 and ESRD Network 10 will remain headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, and the ESRD Network 4 office will remain in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

“I believe that both organizations are going to benefit,” said George Aronoff, MD, president of the board of trustees for The Renal Network, Inc. “More importantly, I think the patients in all six states will benefit from bringing together the wealth of expertise and commitment that our respective Network volunteers and staff provide.” Dr. Aronoff is a Professor of Medicine and Pharmacology at the University of Louisville, Kidney Disease Program.

Paul Palevsky, MD, chief of the Renal Section at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System and Professor of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh, has stepped into the office of vice president of the board of The Renal Network. Dr. Palevsky served as president of the board for ESRD Network 4, Inc.

“I am looking forward to continuing to work with ESRD Networks 4, 9 and 10 in the coming years,” said Dr. Palevsky. “By sharing the knowledge within our six states we can do even more to advance the quality of care provided to our kidney patients.”

Susan Stark remains as executive director of The Renal Network, Inc. Judy Stevenson, RN, becomes associate director of The Renal Network and continues her responsibilities managing ESRD Network 4. Bridget Carson serves as assistant director of The Renal Network with administrative responsibilities in all three contracts.

