



## NETWORK #17 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SURVEY RESULTS 2005-2009

Western Pacific Renal Network (WPRN) strives to promote optimal care for individuals with end stage renal disease (ESRD). Optimal care includes quality, safety, and efforts to **improve patient independence, quality of life, and rehabilitation.**

WPRN collects data annually from each dialysis facility regarding vocational rehabilitation activities as mandated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Each facility is required to report the number of patients between the ages of 18 and 54 who are receiving vocational rehabilitation services, employed or going to school full or part-time and if the facility offers a dialysis shift beginning after 5:00 PM. The overall trend of facilities providing late dialysis shifts for patients who are employed is 28.8% demonstrating a 2.0% decrease from 2009 to 2005. However, the initiation of nocturnal dialysis should show an increase in “shifts after 5” since they were specifically designed for the employed.

The graph below illustrates survey results allowing comparison and suggesting trends in vocational rehabilitation. The number of patients receiving vocational rehab has increased by 2.0% suggesting there may be an upward trend. For the patients attending school, figures suggest a desirable trend of increasing participation in education. For patients employed, the trend shows a decrease, which also suggests room for support and improvement.

