

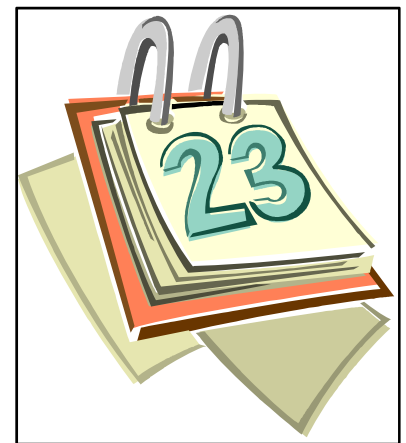
# CROWNWeb Announcement: Phase III and National Release

## CMS announces release dates and additional information for CROWNWeb Phase III and the national CROWNWeb release

In a recent CROWN Memorandum distributed to ESRD Networks, CMS announced a timeframe for the next two CROWNWeb releases, including the National release to all Medicare certified dialysis facilities. The scheduled release times are currently as follows:

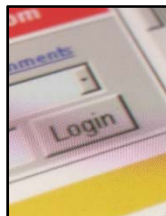
- CROWNWeb Phase III (360 facilities) – **January 2011**
- CROWNWeb National Release (all Medicare certified dialysis facilities) – **Late Spring 2011**

CROWNWeb Phase III will be an additional usability and testing release, and include up to 360 facilities (both independent and corporate-run) that will meet the requirements of the QualityNet Identity Management System (QIMS) and multi-factor authentication. Once Phase III is successful, CMS will then target the full national release of CROWNWeb with a late Spring 2011 release date.



### About QIMS

The QualityNet Identity Management System (QIMS) is the replacement for the former QIPS system used by Networks and Facility Security Administrators to manage user accounts for CROWNWeb. For more information, please read the **What is QIMS?** document located in the Announcements section of <http://www.projectcrownweb.org>.



### About Multi-Factor Authentication

Multi-factor authentication is a second level of security required by federal data systems. Using a second method of user identification in addition to a user name and password, it provides an additional level of protection for data systems that contain large amounts of PII, such as CROWNWeb. For more information, please read the **What is Multi-Factor Authentication?** document located in the Announcements section of <http://www.projectcrownweb.org>.

