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To: Dialysis Centers

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Re: **Notification of change in disinfectant**

Beginning March 2, 2020, the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) will temporarily modify the disinfectant used in its water treatment process. This temporary change in disinfectant (also known as **free chlorine maintenance)** will be conducted on the NTMWD water treatment system from March 2 to March 30, 2020. During this time, ammonia is temporarily suspended in the second step of the water disinfection process, and only chlorine is used for a 28-day period to maintain water quality.

This temporary change in disinfectant is necessary to maintain the system and high water quality delivery for the NTMWD Member Cities and Customers (which includes the City of \_\_\_\_\_\_). This temporary change also maintains the disinfection residual as required by the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

Medical facilities that perform kidney dialysis within our service area have asked to be informed of any chemical changes to the water provided by the City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Switching from chloramines to free chlorine is not expected to have any adverse effects.

All medical facilities that perform kidney dialysis are being notified of this change. You may detect a change in your water testing during this 28-day maintenance period. It is recommended that dialysis entities make any needed modifications based on this change in water chemistry and should continue to monitor the water as needed.

In addition, patients using home dialysis services should check with their physician for advice on any temporary modifications that may be needed due to this change.

For more information, visit [www.NTMWD.com/Water-Quality](http://www.NTMWD.com/Water-Quality). Should your facility have any questions with regard to this temporary change, please contact the NTMWD at 972-442-5405 and request Laboratory Services.