



## CMS 2728 FORM SIGNATURES

**Blue ink** physician and patient signatures are no longer required on CMS 2728 forms (note: you must still obtain physician and patient signatures BEFORE you submit the form in EQRS).

**You can now fax CMS 2728 forms to and from nephrologists for their review and signature.** This means you do **NOT** need to wait for the once-per-month physician rounding day to get a blue ink signature any longer. It is also important to note that only nephrologists can sign CMS 2728 forms, NP/PA/AHP signatures are not permitted.

### PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING PHYSICIAN SIGNATURES

1. Fax the CMS 2728 draft to the physician for their review, addition of the cause of renal failure, and their signature.
2. The physician or physician's office should then fax the signed CMS 2728 back to your facility.
3. Dialysis staff should promptly submit the signed CMS 2728 into EQRS.

**Reminder: all CMS 2728 forms are due for submission in EQRS within 45 days of the patient's start date at your facility.**

### SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

**Complete CMS 2728 forms should be sent to Social Security Administration (SSA) offices for Medicare benefits processing.**

- To find your local SSA office, please [search here](#), using the patient's home address zip code.
- Please reference this [SSA policy](#) on processing CMS 2728 forms, which indicates blue ink signatures are no longer needed.
- If the patient is not applying for Medicare benefits, you do not need to send the CMS 2728 to SSA.

### CONTACT US

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