



## February 2026 Transplant E-Newsletter from ESRD Network 11

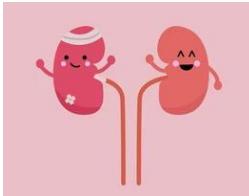
### CMS 2744/Annual Facility Surveys for 2025

Since we recently rang in a new year, it's time again for the CMS 2744/Annual Facility Survey! The CMS 2744 is a required capture of all transplants performed at your transplant center during the year. **The 2025 CMS 2744 is due for submission from all dialysis and transplant providers via EQRS to Midwest Kidney Network no later than March 31, 2026.** We will have two CMS 2744 Open Office Hours events in early February that you can join to ask your CMS 2744 questions, we hope you join us:

- [February 3, 2026, at 10:00am CT/11:00am ET – register here](#)
- [February 4, 2026, at 1:00pm CT/2:00pm ET – register here](#)



### New Transplant Type Reporting in EQRS



When you admit all transplant patients into EQRS, you will notice a new reporting field, ***Transplant Type***, with three categories to select: kidney only, multi-organ, and paired exchange. While this reporting field is not technically mandatory when you admit a patient, **this reporting will be required on next year's CMS 2744**. So, to avoid going back and entering this information for all 2026 transplants, please begin reporting this information now in EQRS on all transplants performed.

### Patient Admissions in EQRS

We are noticing an increase in missing transplant admissions or admissions with the incorrect admission reason in EQRS. **All kidney transplants must be admitted in EQRS**, ideally within 5 days of the transplant. **If the transplant recipient has never been on dialysis or has not received a previous kidney transplant, please admit them in EQRS with the admission reason of *New ESRD Patient*. For all other transplant admission scenarios (patient previously on dialysis or had previously received a kidney transplant), the admission reason should be *Transplant*.**

EQRS Admission Reason	Definition
New ESRD Patient	The patient being admitted to the transplant center is new to ESRD with no prior chronic outpatient dialysis or kidney transplant history. <b>A CMS 2728 form must be completed.</b>
Transplant	The patient being admitted to the transplant center has been discharged from a chronic outpatient dialysis facility or has had a previous kidney transplant.

### CMS 2728 and 2746 Forms

This is a friendly reminder that all transplant centers need to complete their CMS 2728 and 2746 forms in EQRS in a timely manner. **CMS 2728 forms must be submitted in EQRS no later than 45 days following the date of the patient's transplant at your center.** Thank you for your help with submitting CMS forms on time in EQRS!



### EQRS Support from Midwest Kidney Network

If you have EQRS questions or need EQRS or CMS forms support for any reason, please reach out to Alli at (651) 644-2911 or Aletha at (651) 644-5839 – we are always happy to answer your questions! If you have new EQRS users who need assistance onboarding to the EQRS, feel free to contact Alli Bailey: [alli.bailey@midwestkidneynetwork.org](mailto:alli.bailey@midwestkidneynetwork.org) to schedule EQRS training for staff.