



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 |
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| 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. A CMS 2728 form must be completed. |
| 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 to schedule EQRS training for staff.