



## **CMS 2728 & 2746 Forms: Best Practices**

**To comply with current CMS policy, all CMS 2728 Forms must be submitted in EQRS no later than 45 days following a patient's first ESRD dialysis treatment.**

- Work with the patient's nephrologist, know their rounding schedules and have the 2728 ready in advance for their review and signature. Provide the nephrologist with the ICD-10 code list and a blue pen.
- Have patients sign the 2728 form upon admission to the facility, preferably on the patient's first day. Also, help patients fully understand the importance of signing the 2728 form:
  - The 2728 allows for ESRD Medicare benefits eligibility processing.
  - The 2728 can be required for the transplant waitlist.
- Ensure you have labs (especially a Serum Creatinine) within 45 days prior to the first treatment/DRCDB or labs from the patient's **first** treatment at the dialysis facility.

**To comply with current CMS policy, all CMS 2746 Forms must be submitted in EQRS no later than 14 days following a patient's date of death.**

- If a patient discontinues dialysis, the last outpatient dialysis facility to provide treatment must follow the patient and complete a 2746 if the patient passes away within 30 days.
- Work with the patient's nephrologist or the hospital staff to obtain a cause and date of death.
- Complete the 2746 using the best information available given the circumstances.

**If you have questions or concerns about completing a 2728 or 2746 form,**

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