



Entering Clinical Depression Screenings in EQRS

To comply with current QIP requirements, dialysis facilities must submit Clinical Depression Screenings and Follow-Up Plan information for each eligible patient at least once during the 2021 calendar year.

For Clinical Depression Screening reporting January 1 – December 31, 2021, the EQRS entry period closes on March 1, 2022, at 12:59am CST.

Patients who meet the following criteria must have a Clinical Depression Screening submitted in EQRS:

- Required for patients aged 12 or older.
- Required for patients treating at the dialysis facility for 90 days or longer.
- Required for facilities with at least 11 eligible patients during the assessment period.
- Required for facilities that were Medicare Certified prior to April 1, 2021.

Patients requiring a Clinical Depression Screening must have one of the following options selected in EQRS:

- Screening for clinical depression is documented as being positive, and a follow-up plan is documented.
- Screening for clinical depression is documented as positive, and a follow-up plan is not documented, and the facility possesses documentation stating the patient is not eligible.
- Screening for clinical depression documented as positive, the facility possesses no documentation of a follow-up plan, and no reason is given.
- Screening for clinical depression is documented as negative, and a follow-up plan is not required.
- Screening for clinical depression is not documented, but the facility possesses documentation stating the patient is not eligible.
- Clinical depression screening not documented, and no reason is given.

FAQs:

- **What option do you select if a patient has treated at the facility less than 90 days?**
 - You may select: *Screening for clinical depression is not documented, but the facility possesses documentation stating the patient is not eligible.*
- **What option do you select if the patient transfers out of the facility or passes away before the annual screening is performed?**
 - You may select: *Screening for clinical depression is not documented, but the facility possesses documentation stating the patient is not eligible.*

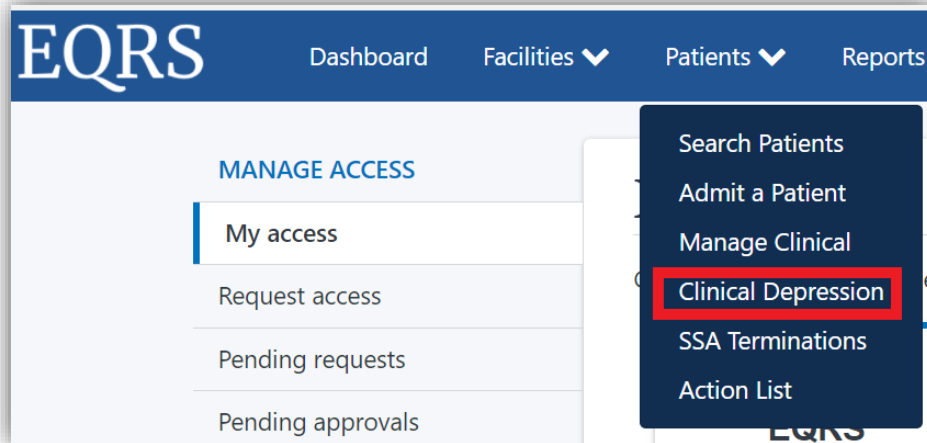


- **What option do you select if the patient is temporarily out of the clinic (for travel, hospitalization, etc.) when the annual screenings are performed?**
 - You may select: *Clinical depression screening not documented, and no reason is given.*
 - Please note, every effort should be made to complete a Clinical Depression Screening when the patient returns to the facility.
- **How do you enter data if you are from a “Batch Submitting Organization” (such as DaVita or Fresenius)?**
 - Please check each patient’s Clinical Depression Screening data for accuracy and completion.

Please contact Kristen at Midwest Kidney Network with any questions at
(651) 644-9877 ext. 108.

How to access the Clinical Depression Screening in EQRS

1. In EQRS, under the Patients tab, select Clinical Depression.





- Next, enter your facility's six-digit CCN under Facility Search. This will then bring up your patient list.

- Change your facility's Depression Screening Status selection to *All, Required, or Submitted*.
- Then for each patient, under Actions, you will see Report. Click on Report to open the patient's Clinical Depression Screening record.
- Lastly, you will want to ensure each patient has the correct Clinical Depression Screening selection or enter the data, if missing.