



CMS-2728 (Medical Evidence) Form FAQ

Questions		Answers
1	What is the purpose of the CMS-2728 (Medical Evidence) form, and why does it need to be completed for patients who choose not to enroll in Medicare?	The 2728 form is required for all newly diagnosed ESRD patients, regardless of their Medicare status or treatment modality. The 2728 form serves two purposes: (1) Provide medical evidence of an end-stage renal condition for Medicare entitlement, and (2) Register a patient in a national renal registry. The form is sent to Network 11 where it is entered into a national database maintained by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS provides the data to the United States Renal Data System (USRDS) for scientific research. The information on the 2728 is highly confidential. It is important in aiding caregivers and assuring quality care for ESRD patients.
2	When is a 2728 required?	When a patient is diagnosed as ESRD and receives their first transplant or outpatient dialysis treatment(s).
3	When is a “Supplemental” or a “Re-entitlement” 2728 form required?	<p>A supplemental 2728 form is required when an initial 2728 form has been previously submitted to Network 11 and the patient:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transitions to any type of home dialysis within the first 3 months after initial dialysis ▪ Has a transplant within the first 3 months after initial dialysis <p>A re-entitlement 2728 form is required when a patient resumes treatment after benefits have expired; that is, when the patient:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Restarts dialysis after 1 year or more of having recovered function or discontinued dialysis ▪ Restarts dialysis after 3 years or more following a transplant ▪ Has another transplant, 3 years or more following a transplant, with no dialysis in between
4	If a “Supplemental” or “Re-entitlement” 2728 is required, does the patient have to sign this second form?	Yes. This ensures continuing medical coverage for the patient.
5	Where do I get Supplemental or Re-entitlement 2728 forms?	There are not separate forms for Supplemental 2728s or Re-entitlement 2728s. Complete a new 2728 using the standard form. Check the appropriate box at the top of the form.
6	How do I get additional 2728 forms?	There are two ways to obtain them: your local SSA office or download from the CMS Website; a link to which is here: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/cmsforms/downloads/CMS2728.pdf



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7	What if a patient dies before signing the 2728?	Enter the date of death in Field #26 and send the form to the Network 11 office.
8	What if the patient is unable/unavailable to sign the 2728?	A signature is required by CMS, you may need to mail a copy of the form to the patient's home. A spouse, parent, sibling or adult child may sign on the patient's behalf. No power of attorney is required for signing the 2728.
9	How long does our facility need to retain a copy of completed 2728 forms?	Each facility determines how long they keep forms, depending on their individual office policy. Network 11 maintains 2728 forms on file for five years after a patient's death.
10	What is <u>IPD</u> (Field #22 on the 2728)?	IPD is Peritoneal Dialysis that is performed 3 times per week at a dialysis facility (not at the patient's home). This is a selection in Field #22 on the 2728.
11.	What date do I use for #23 – <i>Date Regular Dialysis Began?</i>	Use the date of the first dialysis treatment patient received, regardless of setting (i.e. if patient received dialysis inpatient, use that date). If this is a "Supplemental" Form, use the date related to the most recent episode.
12	What date do I use for #24 when a patient is on a home modality?	Usually, this will be the date training begins.*See Question 12.
13	What date do I use for #38— <i>Date Training Began?</i>	The official date training begins is the date of the first dialysate exchange (even if only a partial, as part of training). Flushes and other training do not count.

**** If you are unable to obtain certain data elements or meet CMS required deadlines, please call your Network 11 Data Specialist to discuss options. They will consider the matter on a case-by-case basis, and ask you to put a note on the form you eventually submit to document the conversation. ****

If you have questions, call or e-mail your Network 11 Data Specialist:

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