



## NEW CMS-2728 (Medical Evidence) Form FAQs

Questions		Answers
1	On #18 a, b or c, how do I answer for patients with timeframes < 6 months?	Unfortunately, the option for the 0-6 months timeframe is missing. If you need to report <6 months for #18 a, b or c, please <b>write in</b> "< 6 months"
2	There are new lab values on this form. Do I have to complete all of the lab values?	Though 19b Serum Creatinine remains the only mandatory lab value (used to calculate GFR), <b>we strongly encourage you</b> to complete as many items as possible, as CMS uses this information in many important studies related to improving patient care.
3	#19a3 Serum Albumin—what is "BCG or BCP?"	This refers to the type of dye used when obtaining the serum albumin, and the information should be available on the lab sheet next to the value.
4	#19e Lipid Profile values—we often don't get those for months after we first see the patient; what do you want us to do?	If you expect it will take more than 45 days to obtain these lab values, you should not hold the 2728 until you receive them. Please turn in your 2728 form as promptly as possible, even if 19e is left blank. However, <b>please submit the lipid profile values whenever you obtain them.</b> Again, CMS uses this information in many important studies related to improving patient care.
5	On the front of the form, #19 states "Lipid Profile can be <u>within</u> 1 year of the most recent ESRD episode." However, the instructions for #19e state, "...Lipid Profile and date must be within 1 year <u>prior to</u> ..." Please clarify, which response is acceptable?	Within 1 year <u>prior to</u> the first dialysis treatment or kidney transplant.
6	Why are the Lipid Profile values listed on the 2728?	There are now clinical practice guidelines for these markers and this data is being collected to gain insight into whether or not these are being done regularly on patients. "Healthy People 2010" and USRDS reports this data.
7	# 51 Physician Recertification Signature?	This is for SSA purposes only—please disregard this field.
8	Where do we obtain more 2728 forms?	There are two ways to obtain 2728 forms: from your local Social Security Administration office, or download from the CMS Website; a link to which is here: <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/cmsforms/downloads/CMS2728.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/cmsforms/downloads/CMS2728.pdf</a>  <i>Important Note: if using a downloaded form, the SSA office must receive the original—with the physician and patient signatures in <b>blue ink</b>—per SSA requirements. You may submit a photocopy to Network 11.</i>

\*\* 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 Email your Network 11 Data Specialist:**

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