



CMS Releasing New 2728 Forms!

CMS is releasing a new 2728 (ESRD - Medicare Entitlement) form. A supply of forms will be mailed directly to all Medicare approved dialysis and kidney transplant facilities by June 1. A supply of forms should also be available at the local Social Security District Offices by June 1 and will also be available on the CMS website at <http://cms.hhs.gov/forms>. Look for more information on the new 2728 form soon! If you have any questions, call your Network 11 Data Contact.

Running low on 2746 Death Forms?

Additional CMS - 2746 forms may be ordered from Renal Network 11. You can also download the form from the CMS website at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/esrd/5.asp>



Downloaded forms may be printed and photocopied on an as needed basis. You do not need to use green paper. **Thank you** for your continued efforts in the timely and accurate completion of these forms!

1st Quarter Patient Census for 2005

REMINDER: The first Quarterly Patient Census for 2005 will be mailed to all facilities the 3rd week in April. This quarterly census lists all patients and events you have reported to Network 11 on the PAR during the 1st quarter of 2005 (Jan. 1st - Mar. 31st). As soon as you receive the list, please do the following:

1. Review this list very carefully.
2. If any corrections need to be made, include them in the April '05 PAR (due May 10th).
3. If you have questions, call or Email your Network 11 data contact.

2004 Facility Compliance Reports

Federal regulations require Medicare providers to submit CMS Medical Evidence (2728) and Death Notification (2746) forms to ESRD Networks. CMS has established performance requirements for the submission of these forms—**a rate of 90% or better for timeliness and accuracy is expected of facilities**. Twice a year, Network 11 issues CMS Forms Compliance Reports to all units, detailing performance outcomes. Network 11 is required to report noncompliant facilities to its CMS Regional Project Officer. Network 11 works with non-compliant facilities to identify barriers to effective reporting and improve compliance rates. Facilities that do not improve are asked to submit a corrective action plan. Chronically noncompliant facilities may be noted in the Network 11 Annual Report. The next compliance report will be issued this month (covering January–December 2004).

New Data Contact for Wisconsin!

Rae Tomala has recently joined our Network 11 staff. She will assume the role of Health Data Specialist for the Wisconsin dialysis and transplant facilities. Rae currently holds a Medical Administrative degree and is actively pursuing a degree in Business. We are glad to have her aboard!



Please Welcome Rae!

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