



PAR Tips

Using “Interruption in Service” and “Resume Service” Events—*Interruption in Service* is Neutral event #15 on the PAR (Patient Activity Report). Please use this event for patients who are leaving your facility for 30+ days to go to a rehabilitation center or an acute care setting, with the expectation that they will eventually return to outpatient dialysis. Neutral event #16 *Resume Service* will then be used to report the date of the patient's return.

Transient Patients & the PAR—CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicare Services) defines a transient patient as one who receives care in your facility for less than 30 days. Since CMS does not track transient patients, there is no need to report them on the PAR. In the event the treatment of a transient patient extends past 30 days, then that patient must be reported on the PAR as a Transfer-In. Please use the first date of dialysis at your facility as the start date.

Serum Creatinine on the 2728

A reminder to help you avoid follow-up from Network 11—and negatively affecting your facility's data compliance rates: Serum Creatinine lab values must be on or before the date in field #24 of the Medical Evidence (CMS-2728) form. Further, the date may not be greater than 45 days preceding the date in #24. Otherwise the GFR will be skewed and follow-up with the physician or facility is necessary.

CMS Forms Supplies

Medical Evidence (CMS-2728) forms are available at your local Social Security Office. Death Notification (CMS-2746) forms may be obtained from the Network 11 office. Or, you may download copies of either form from the CMS Website as follows:

2728 Form:

<http://new.cms.hhs.gov/cmsforms/downloads/CMS2728.pdf>

2746 Form:

<http://new.cms.hhs.gov/cmsforms/downloads/CMS2746.pdf>

An Important Note: If using a downloaded 2728 form, the Social Security Administration (SSA) office must receive the original, with the physician and patient signatures in blue ink, per SSA requirements.

2006 Provider Directory

The **2006 Provider Directory** is posted online at: www.esrdnet11.org/search. It is available in two different formats—an interactive search utility populated with real-time data and a hard copy pdf, reflecting “snapshot-in-time” information as of Spring 2006.