

CMS 2728 FAQ's

What is the purpose of CMS 2728 form?

The form serves two purposes:

1. Provides medical evidence of an end-stage renal condition for Medicare entitlement
2. Registers a patient in a national renal registry

Do I complete a 2728 form on ACUTE patients?

No, 2728 forms should only be completed for chronic patients

How long do I have to submit the 2728 form?

The CMS 2728 form must be submitted within **45 days** of the patient's admission to the facility

What information do I need to complete the 2728 form?

Patient's demographic information

Intent of applying for ESRD Medicare coverage

Height and Weight

Primary cause of renal failure

Comorbid conditions

Labs [Creatinine \leq 45 days from the Date of first Dialysis (DOFD)]

DOFD

Date at the current facility

Signature of the doctor and patient (In Blue Ink)

Where can I find a list of the current primary causes of renal failure (ICD-10 codes)?

ICD-10 codes are available at https://mycrownweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/List-of-Primary-Causes_v3_508.pdf.

On the 2728, Item #2 asks for Medicare Beneficiary Identifier or Social Security Number, if a patient does NOT have Medicare. Should I list other insurance numbers here?

List either the patient's Medicare Beneficiary Identifier or Social Security Number in this field. *Please note: if you write that a patient has Medicare (field #11 on the 2728), you must report the patient's Medicare number in field #2 of the 2728 unless the patient has a Medicare Advantage plan.*

If a patient is not applying for Medicare benefits at the time the 2728 is completed do I still send the form to the local Social Security office?

No, however; keep a copy in the patient's file so that when he/she applies you can send that form to the Social Security office.

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What do I do if the patient cannot sign the form?

If a patient cannot sign the form then a patient's family member or power of attorney can sign the form in the patient's place.

If the patient passes away prior to signing the form it can still be submitted without his/her signature as long as the doctor has signed the form. This is the only instance when this form can be submitted without a patient's signature. You must first add the Date of Death and Death code to the patient attributes page and then complete the 2728. The system will know the Patient has expired and will allow the form to be submitted without a patient signature.

Do I need to submit a 2728 form for foreign visitors?

Yes, a 2728 form must be completed and submitted for foreign visitors.

If the patient is able to provide labs then the DOFD can be listed as the date the labs were drawn. If not labs should be drawn the day the patient first comes to the facility and those labs noted on the 2728 form.

Do I need to submit a 2728 form for a patient that only had one treatment?

Yes, a 2728 form must be completed and submitted as long as the patient was chronic.

Do I need to submit a 2728 form for a patient that only had one treatment and passes away?

Yes, a 2728 form and a 2746 form must be completed and submitted as long as the patient was chronic.

What is a re-entitlement 2728 form and when is it required?

A re-entitlement 2728 form is required when an initial 2728 form has been previously submitted and the patient's Medicare ESRD benefits have been terminated because:

The patient recovered function or discontinued dialysis and it has been **1 year or more** since the patient received dialysis.

OR

The patient received a kidney transplant and it has been **3 years or more** since the transplant was received.

What is a supplemental 2728 form and when is it required?

A supplemental 2728 form is required when an initial 2728 form has been previously submitted and the patient receives a kidney transplant or trained for self-care dialysis within the first 3 months of the first date of dialysis.