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CMS 2746 FAQ's

What is the purpose of CMS 2746 form?

The purpose of the form is to notify Medicare of the date and cause of a patient's death.

How long do I have to submit the 2746 form?

The CMS 2728 form must be submitted within **14 days** of the patient's death

What information do I need to complete the 2746 form?

Place of death

Date of death

Cause of death including primary and secondary causes

Discontinuation information if applicable

Transplant status if applicable

Hospice status if applicable

Name of the physician

Does the doctor have to sign the form?

No, the doctor does not have to sign the 2746 form but should be providing the cause of death

Do I need to submit a 2746 form for a patient that only had one treatment and passes away?

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

Do I need to complete a 2746 on a patient that left my facility and passed away < 30 days?

Yes, if that patient was not admitted to another chronic outpatient dialysis facility as a permanent admission.

Do I need to complete a 2746 on a patient that left my facility and passes away > 30 days?

No, you are not responsible for a 2746 for a patient that has not treated at your facility for more than 30 days.

If a patient from an outpatient dialysis center is hospitalized or transfers to a "non-ESRD" provider and dies while in the hospital, who is responsible for completing the CMS 2746 form?

It is the facility's responsibility to complete the 2746. However, if the patient has been gone for **more than 30 days from a Medicare facility**, the facility is NOT responsible for completing the 2746 Death Notification.