

The 2728 Form (END STAGE RENAL DISEASE MEDICAL EVIDENCE REPORT MEDICARE ENTITLEMENT AND/OR PATIENT REGISTRATION) Is required to add a patient to the ESRD registry and help them apply for Medicare benefits.

There are three types of 2728 Forms:

- **Initial 2728:** Submitted only once after a patient's 'New ESRD' admission into EQRS.
- **Supplemental 2728:** Available only within the first 90 days of a 'New ESRD' admission to help a patient's Medicare benefits start sooner than the usual 90 days if:
 - Patient starts training for a **Home Modality**.
 - Patient is admitted for a **Transplant**.
- **Re-Entitlement 2728:** Submitted if the patient is reapplying for Medicare coverage due to the following Admit Reasons:
 - **Restart:** After not being treated at a dialysis facility for more than a year (coverage ends after one year).
 - **Dialysis After Transplant Failed:** Returning to dialysis after living with a functional kidney transplant for more than three years (coverage ends after three years).
 - **Contact the Network if the 2728 does not appear right away, and we will change the Transplant Status to **Non-Functioning** so you can complete the 2728.**
 - **Transplant:** Receiving a transplant immediately after a **Transplant Failed** event after living with a functional kidney transplant for over three years OR after not being treated at a dialysis facility for over a year.

2728 FACTS

- 2728 Forms are submitted in EQRS: <https://eqrs.cms.gov/>.
- **Submitted within 45 days** of the Admit Date (Field 24). (Not just Saved)
- Due for all ESRD patients (**not AKI patients**).
- A Supplemental/Re-Entitlement is not required if the patient already has Medicare coverage due to age (>65) or another medical condition.
- Submitted 2728 Forms are required by transplant centers to add the patient to their kidney transplant waitlist. Patients who received treatment outside the country must be admitted as "New ESRD" for their **first admission** into a dialysis facility or transplant center in the United States.
- If a patient is discharged as "Death," their signature is not required for 2728 to be submitted.
- If 2728 does not appear in the **Form 2728** section, consider:
 - The Admit Reason may be wrong, preventing a 2728 from being triggered.
 - The facility where this patient should be "New ESRD" did not admit them in EQRS, or they did not submit the 2728 yet.
 - Contact that facility to ask if they have another UPI for the patient OR if they need your help getting the patient's signature.
- If a patient refuses to sign or is unable to sign the 2728 Form, and there is no power-of-attorney, then 2728 cannot be submitted.
- **Serum Creatinine** is the only required clinical value on the 2728 Form. It must be within **45 days prior** to the patient starting treatment as 'New ESRD.'

- Saved status is not considered submitted. Facilities must click the Submit button for timely filing.
- GFR >15 will trigger a warning, and a medical justification must be recorded in the remarks.

***If you get a warning that you cannot fix or do not know how to fix it, [schedule an appointment](#) with one of the Network staff before the 45-day deadline.*

Download detailed CMS Instructions here: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/cms-forms/cms-forms/downloads/cms2728.pdf>.

EQRS Data Submission Stopwatch

