



End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Reporting System (EQRS)

ESRD Quality Programs Support (ESRD QPS)

Form CMS-2746

Question and Answer Summary Document

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Form CMS-2746 is available on the CMS.gov website at: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/cms-forms/cms-forms/downloads/cms2746.pdf>.

Additional questions can be asked using the QualityNet Help Desk:

- By email at qnetsupport-esrd@cms.hhs.gov
- With an Online Ticket submission at https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/ccsq_support_central

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Question 1: Will Medicare advantage policies require we populate the Medicare Number field? Do we mark just Medicare Advantage, or do we also select Medicare as insurance.

At this time, no. The Medicare Number field is only for standard Medicare.

If the patient does have a Medicare Advantage policy, then you would leave the Medicare Number field blank and select Medicare Advantage in the Current Medical Coverage field on the Form CMS-2728.

Question 2: After a patient discontinues dialysis (for example due to hospice) what is the timeframe we need to submit Form CMS-2746? If they happen to live past that timeframe, would we not be required to submit a Form CMS-2746?

If the patient discontinues dialysis, you must follow the patient for 30 days. If the patient dies within that timeframe, please submit the Form CMS-2746. If the patient dies outside of that timeframe, the form does not need to be submitted.

Question 3: If the patient left your facility and entered hospice, how long do you still have to follow the patient to complete the Form CMS-2746?

If the patient goes to Hospice, you must follow the patient for 30 days. If the patient dies within that timeframe, please submit the Form CMS-2746. If the patient dies outside of that timeframe, the form does not need to be submitted.

Question 4: Can Form CMS-2746 be submitted without date of last dialysis?

Yes, if the patient did not discontinue dialysis. But if you answer Yes to Q15, renal replacement therapy discontinued prior to death, then yes, you must enter the date of last dialysis.

Question 5: Does the Form CMS-2746 have to be signed by the person filling out the form?

No.

Question 6: If the patient was discharged to the hospital and expired more than 30 days later, is the dialysis facility still responsible for completing the Form CMS-2746?

No.

Question 7: Do hospice/palliative care companies know of the CMS requirement to complete the Form CMS-2746? I wonder if they could have some future

involvement with communication or submission of this data?

They may not be aware of this requirement and are not responsible for submitting the data. You can reach out to the company once your patient switches to their care in the hope that they will share death information with you to complete the form.

Question 8: What do you put if the cause of ESRD is not one of the potential causes listed in EQRS?

Only the causes available in EQRS can be used.

Question 9: Where does the Form CMS-2746 get sent?

Submit it in EQRS and follow the documentation policy for your facility. You can print, and basically keep that with the patient's record that eventually goes to your off-site storage company.

Question 10: Who would fill out the Form CMS-2746 after the 30-day follow period? In the past when a patient would withdraw from dialysis, our clinic would still fill out the Form CMS-2746 after 30 days

The Form CMS-2746 is not required if the patient has not been treated at your facility for over 30 days.

Question 11: Is Form CMS-2746 due within 14 days of the date of death or can it be within 14 days of the day we find out about the death?

The Form CMS-2746 must be submitted within 14 days of the date of death.

Question 12: Where or how do I find a list of certified units who can complete the Form CMS-2746.

There isn't a printed list available. You can look up a facility by name in EQRS to check to see if it is certified and can complete Form CMS-2746.

Question 13: On the Form CMS-2746, will the free text field 11c, ('If cause is other (98), please specify'), be expanded to accommodate more characters?

This field has a 75-character limit. There are no plans to expand it further.

Question 14: Will CMS accept the notifications outside of the 14-day window?

Yes, but in order to meet current CMS forms timelines, it is preferred that they are submitted within 14 days.

Question 15: Are the Medicare number and Social Security number both required

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now or just one or the other?

Yes, if the patient legally has both a Social Security Number and an MBI, both should be provided.

Question 16: I work in transplant and sometimes don't find out a person died until 2 years later. Should I complete a Form CMS-2746 for them?

Yes, you could still complete the Form CMS-2746. You can contact your ESRD network and ask them to provide more guidance.

Question 17: Are the acute settings required to complete Form CMS-2728 and Form CMS-2746 for dialysis patients?

No.