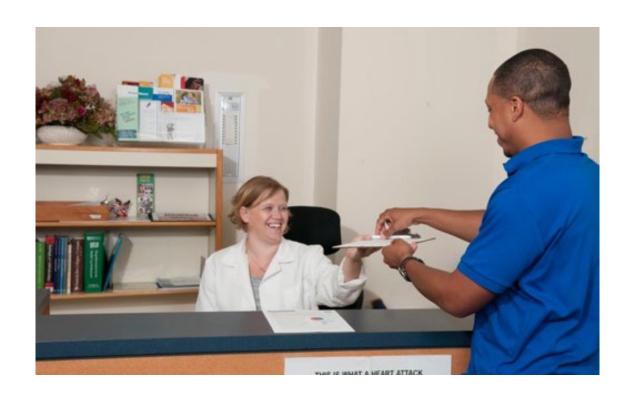


March 2025 EQRS Stakeholder Meeting



Hosted to Gather Feedback & Share Updates on End Stage Renal Disease Quality Reporting System (EQRS)

Today's focus:

- EQRS Overview
- EQRS Basics
- EQRS Facility Dashboard

Agenda

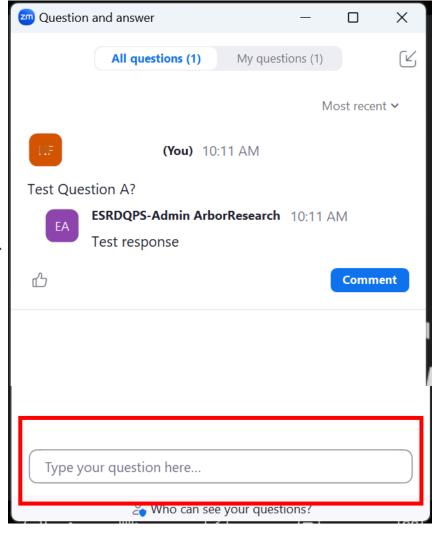
Topic	Speaker
Welcome	Alissa Kapke, MS
EQRS Overview	Tricia Phulchand, BSN, RN
EQRS BasicsStopwatchCMS Forms	Tricia Phulchand, BSN, RN
EQRS Facility Dashboard	Tricia Phulchand, BSN, RN
Q & A	Tricia Phulchand, BSN, RN
Upcoming ESRD QIP & EQRS Events	Alissa Kapke, MS

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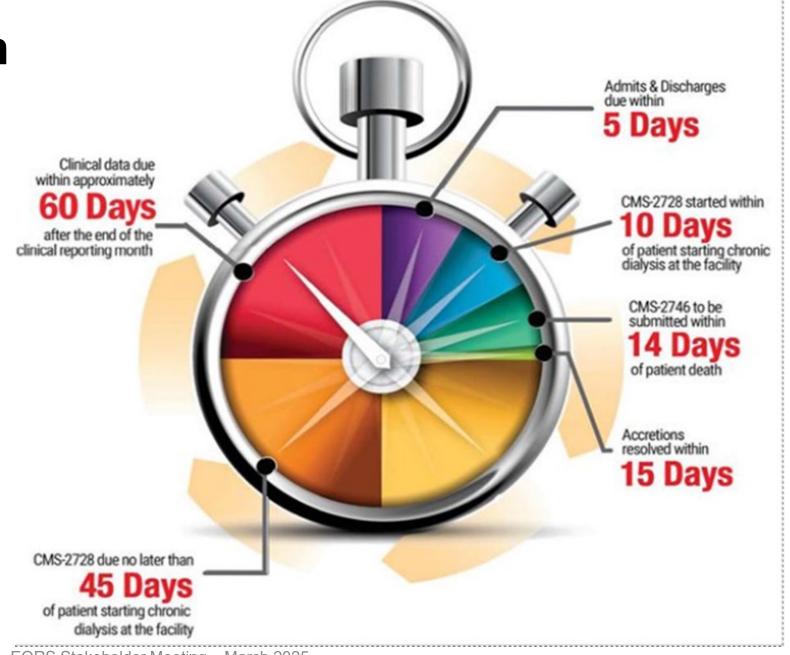
EQRS Overview

What is EQRS?

- EQRS stands for the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Reporting System.
- It is the CMS patient registry used to track ESRD patients whether they are on dialysis or have received a kidney transplant.
- It is an essential data source for the ESRD Quality Incentive Program (QIP).
- It collects patient treatment and demographic information, clinical data, calculates Medicare coverage periods, and includes ESRD QIP measure scores and reports.

EQRS Basics

EQRS Stopwatch



What CMS ESRD forms should be submitted in EQRS?

- Form CMS-2728: ESRD Medical Evidence Report
 - Initial 2728
 - When the patient is first diagnosed as ESRD including initiation of chronic dialysis or a kidney transplantation.
 - Provides medical evidence of ESRD for Medicare entitlement.
 - Due within 45 days of patient being admitted to your facility.
 - o Re-Entitlement 2728
 - When a patient resumes chronic dialysis 3 or more years after receiving a transplant.
 - When a patient resumes chronic dialysis after 1 or more years after recovering native kidney function.
 - Due within 45 days of patient being admitted to your facility.
 - Supplemental 2728
 - When a newly diagnosed chronic patient moves from in-center hemodialysis to a home modality (home hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis) within the first 90 days of chronic dialysis start date.
 - When a newly diagnosed chronic patient is transplanted within the first 90 days of chronic dialysis start date.
 - Due within 45 days of patient changing to a home modality or receiving a kidney transplant.

CMS forms (continued)

- o Form CMS-2746: ESRD Death Notification
 - Notifies Medicare of the date and cause of an ESRD patient's death.
 - Due within 14 days of a patient's death.
- o Form CMS-2744
 - The survey is a CMS Office of Management and Budget reporting requirement for all dialysis and transplant facilities to provide information to CMS.
 - 2744A: ESRD Facility Survey (Dialysis Units)
 - Captures all activity including patient admissions and discharges, Medicare coverage, vocational rehabilitation, facility treatment, number of home training days, and staffing data for the previous year (January 1- December 31).
 - 2744B: ESRD Facility Survey (Transplant Hospitals)
 - Captures all activity including transplants performed, Medicare status, and waitlist information for the previous year (January 1- December 31).
 - Due annually.

Difference between Save and Submit for Forms CMS-2728/CMS-2746

Save:

- Allows changes to be made to the 2728s and 2746s.
- Forms in saved status are not considered submitted and would be considered late if not submitted by their due date.

Submit:

- Double-check everything before submitting.
- There's no turning back now!!!

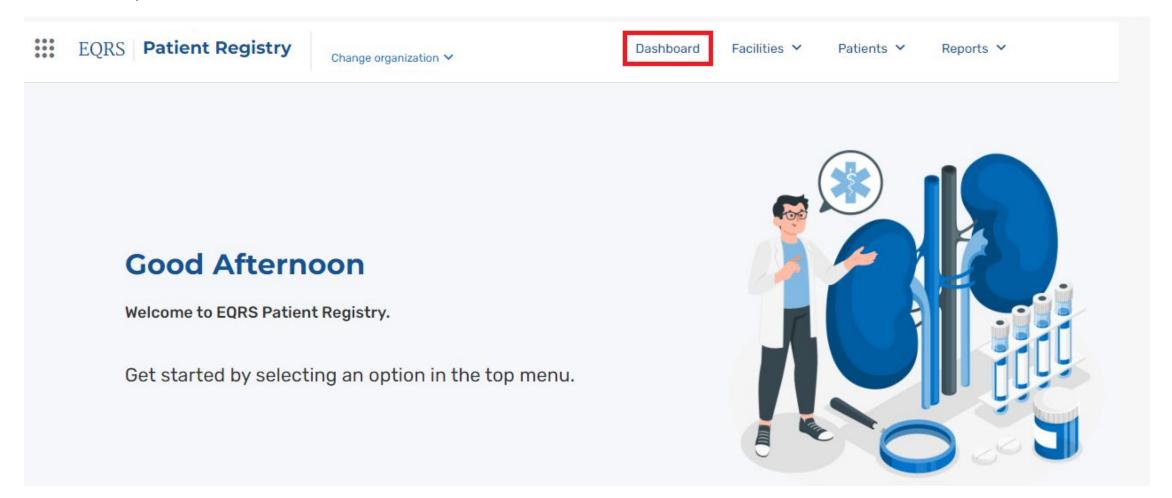
Form CMS-2746 FAQs

- Do I need to complete a Form CMS-2746 if a patient was hospitalized on January 5th and died on February 8th?
 - No; if a patient was not treated at your dialysis facility for 30 days or more, your facility is not required to complete a Form CMS-2746.
- Do I need to complete a Form CMS-2746 if a patient discontinued dialysis on January 12th and died on February 4th?
 - Yes; your facility must submit the form since the patient died within 30 days of receiving treatment at your dialysis facility.
- A patient transferred to another certified outpatient dialysis facility and died in less than 30 days after being discharged from my dialysis facility. Do I need to complete a Form CMS-2746?
 - No; when a patient permanently transfers to another certified dialysis facility, the new dialysis facility is responsible for completing the Form CMS-2746.

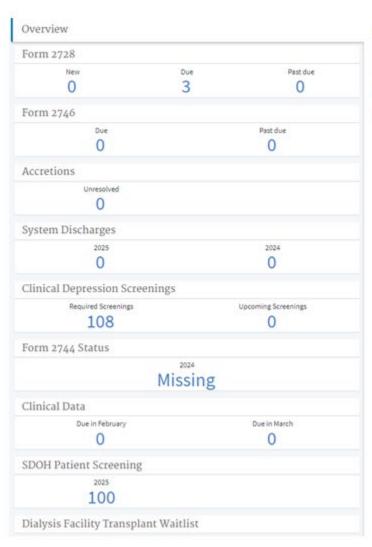
EQRS Facility Dashboard

Facility Dashboard

 Provides an overview of any outstanding data that needs to be submitted in EQRS.



Facility Dashboard



Missing required facility contacts

Your facility is missing the required Disaster Contact, Disaster Contact Back-up, and Primary Facility Contact. Please go to the "Contact Information" section under your facility details to add the contact information.

Facility Dashboard Overview

Upcoming Reminders

- o 04/01/2025 2:59 am EDT Clinical Data submission deadline for the January 2025 clinical period.
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Facility Dashboard – Upcoming Reminders

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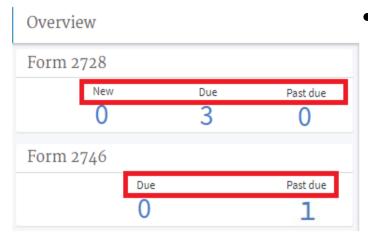
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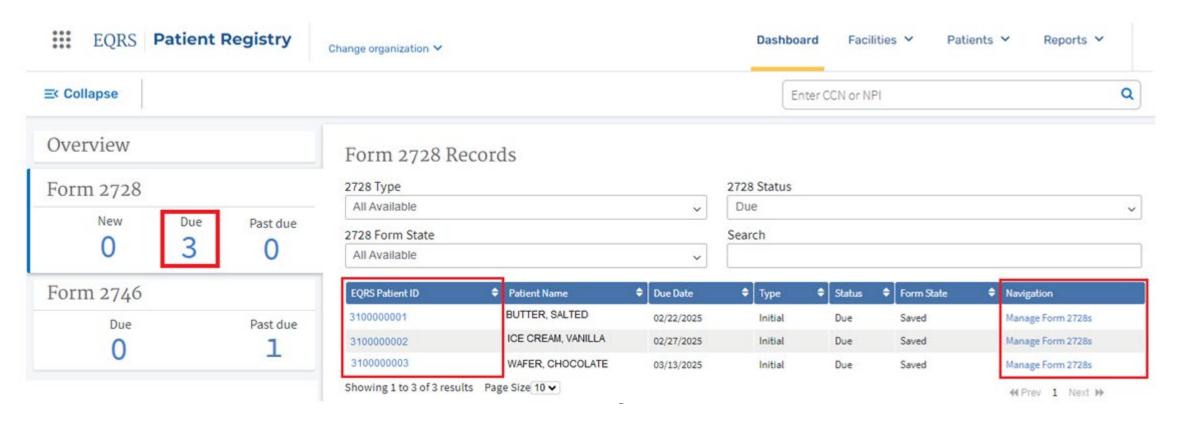
Facility Dashboard – Forms CMS-2728/CMS-2746



- Form 2728
 - New
 - Forms that are within 10 calendar days of the patient's admit date.
 - Due
 - Forms that are more than 10 calendar days, but less than 45 calendar days of the patient's admit date.
 - Past Due (LATE)
 - Forms that are more than 45 calendar days of the patient's admit date which means the form is LATE.
- Form 2746
 - Due
 - Forms that are within 14 calendar days of the patient's date of death.
 - Past Due (LATE)
 - Forms that are more than 14 calendar days after the patient's date of death which means the form is LATE.

Addressing Forms CMS-2728 from the Facility Dashboard

- Click on the number below New, Due or Past Due to address outstanding Form CMS-2728s.
- To access the *Manage Form 2728* screen in the patient's record, click on **Manage Form 2728s** under Navigation.
- To view the patient's record, click on the EQRS ID number located under EQRS Patient ID.

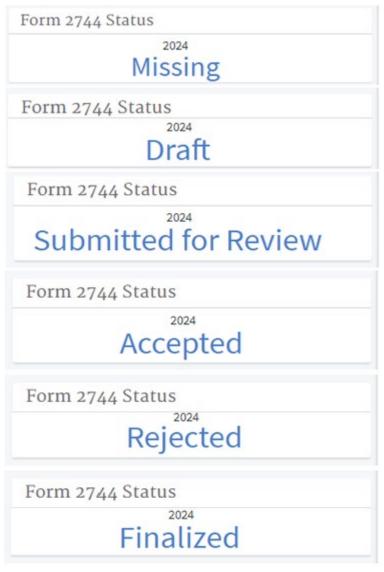


Addressing Forms CMS-2746 from the Facility Dashboard

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Facility Dashboard – Form CMS-2744



Missing

Your form has not been added, generated and saved.

Draft

Your form has been generated and saved.

Submitted for Review

 Your form has been submitted to your ESRD Network for review.

Accepted

Your form has been accepted by your ESRD Network.

Rejected

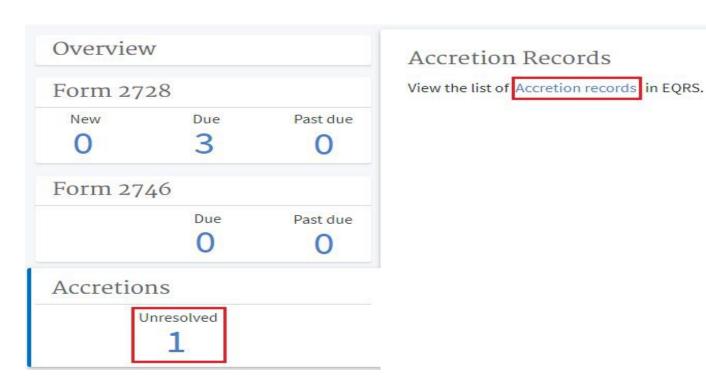
- Your form has been rejected by your ESRD Network.
- Additional work/revision is needed.

Finalized

- Your form has been FINALIZED by your ESRD Network.
- You are DONE until next year's Form CMS-2744 is due.

Facility Dashboard – Accretions

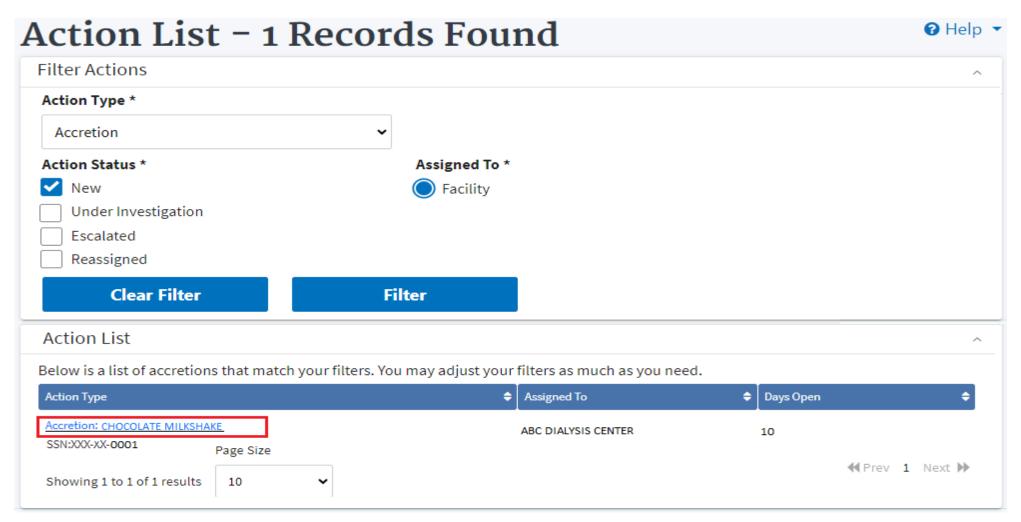
- Accretion:
 - An ESRD patient was identified in another CMS database and appears to be associated with your facility but is not currently admitted to your facility in EQRS.



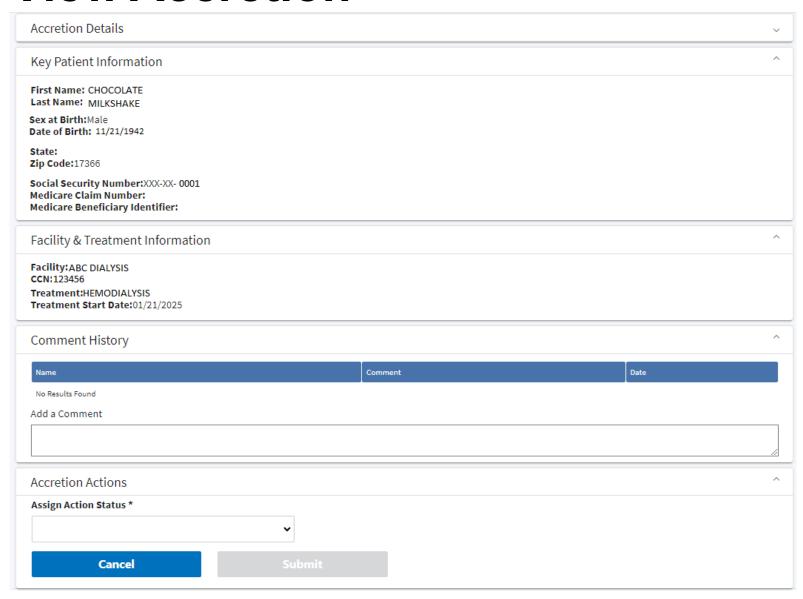
- Click the number under Unresolved.
- Click on Accretion records.

Action List (Accretion Records)

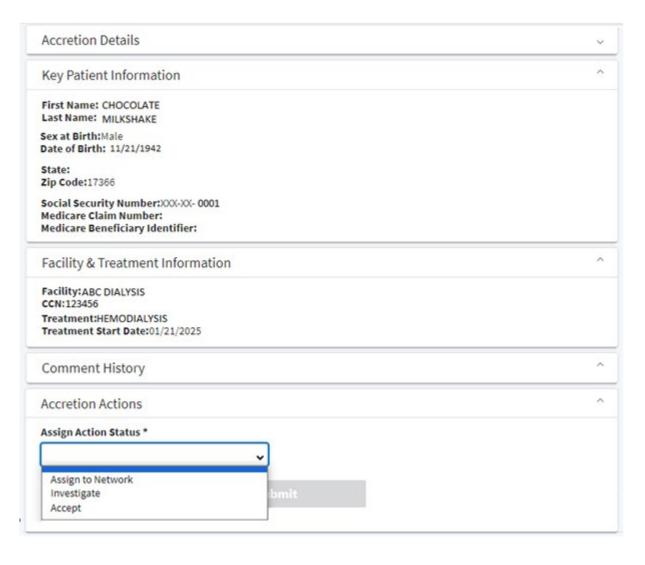
Click the Accretion link in the Action Type section.



View Accretion



Select an Action Status



Assign to Network

 The patient is unknown to the facility and assistance is needed from the local ESRD Network.

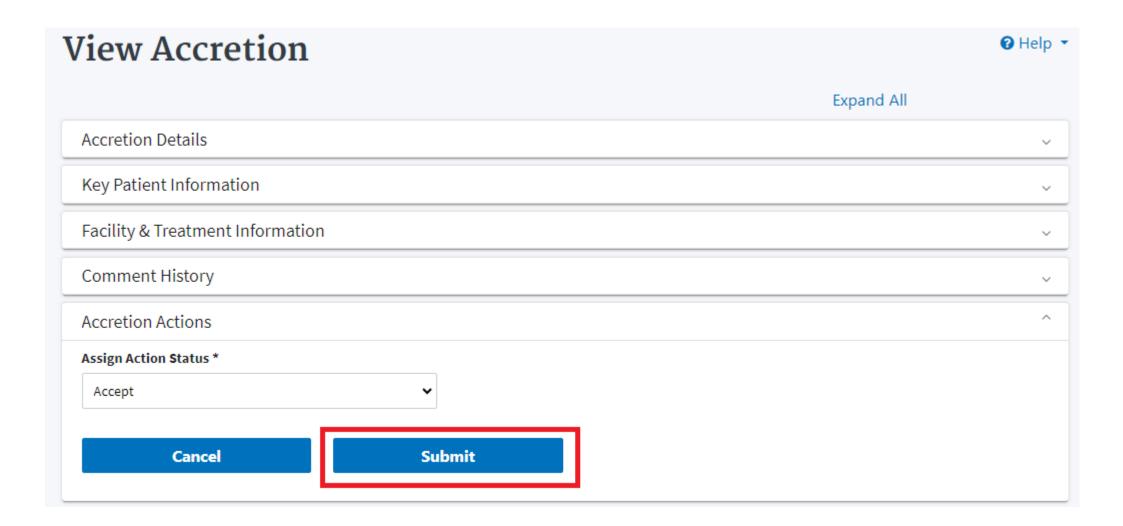
Investigate

 This informs other users that the accretion is "under investigation" by you.

Accept

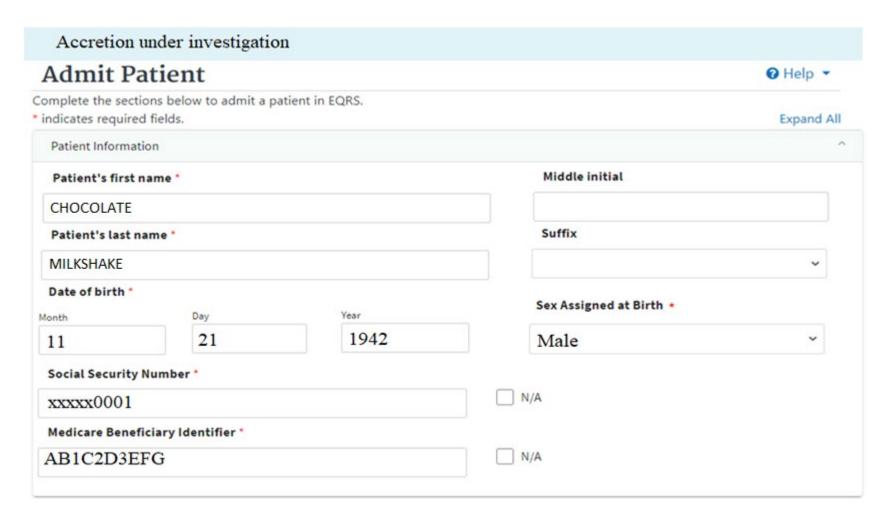
 You agree with the external source and will admit the patient to your facility in EQRS.

Click Submit



Accretion: Admit Patient

Complete the patient admission process.



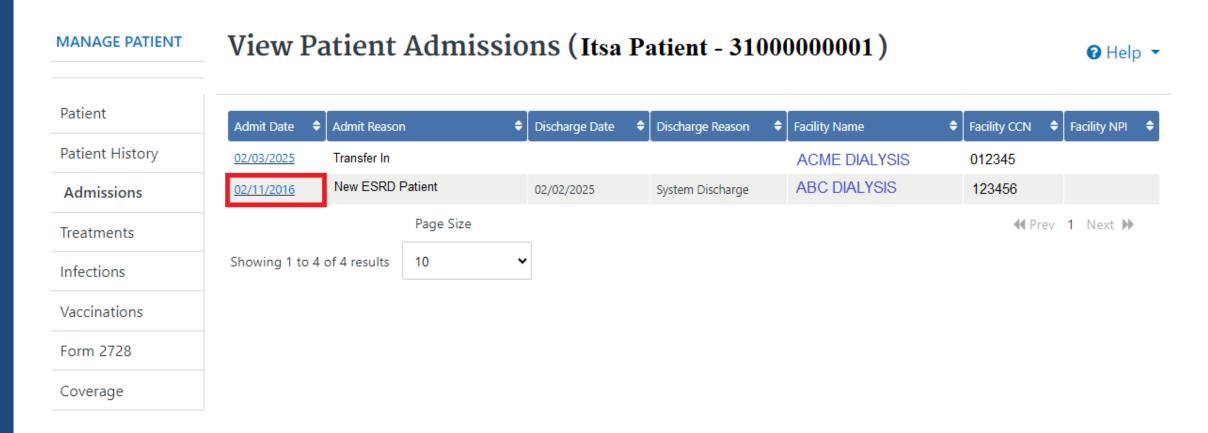
System Discharges

- A patient was admitted to another facility which has caused EQRS to discharge the patient from your facility.
- Click the number under the System Discharge section to view the name of the patient.
- To access the Admissions section of the patient's record, click on Admit/Discharge Records under Navigation.
- To view the patient's record, click on the EQRS ID number located under EQRS UPI.



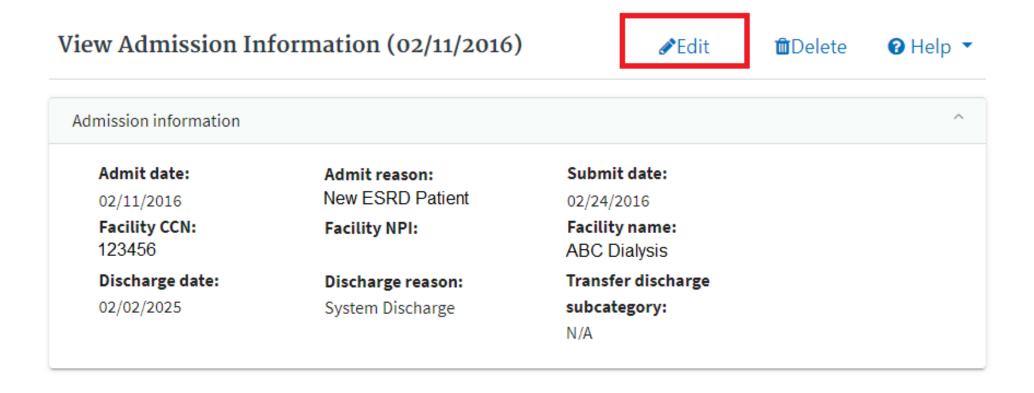
Admissions Page

Click on the Admit Date to your facility.

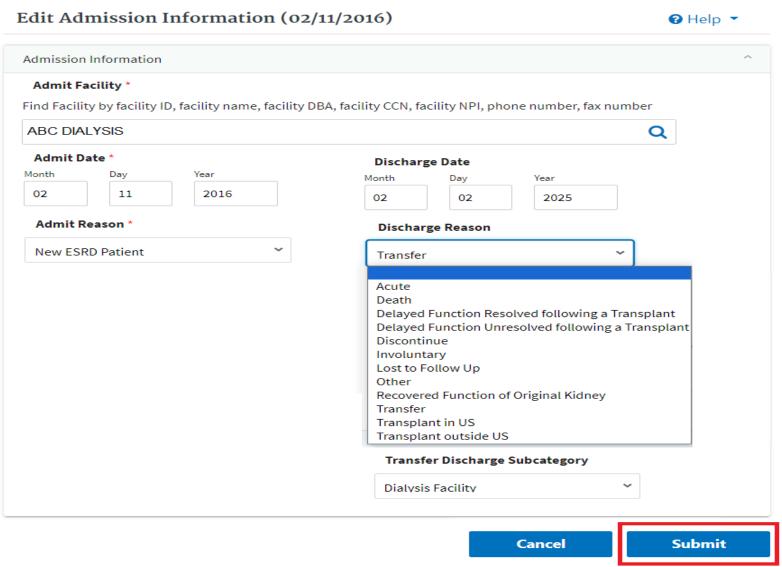


Edit Admission Information

Click Edit.



Update Discharge Information

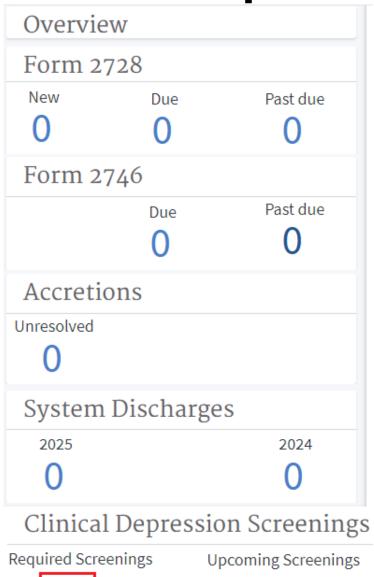


- Select the appropriate Discharge Reason.
- · Click Submit.

Corrected System Discharge



Clinical Depression Screenings



• Click the number under Required Screenings to see the list of patients requiring screening.

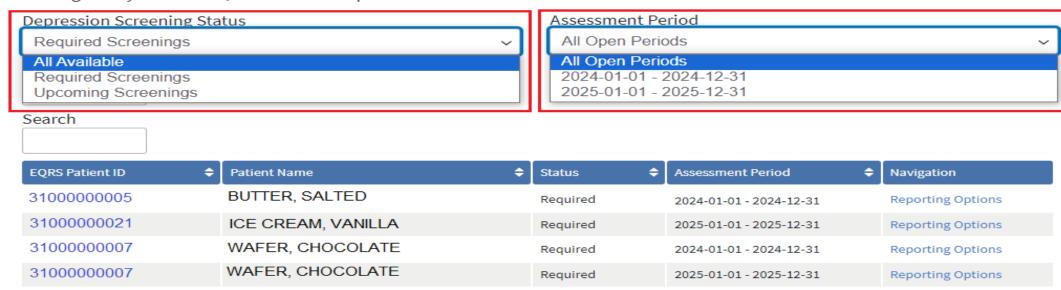
Clinical Depression Screenings

- Select Depression Screening Status.
- Select Assessment Period.
- To access the Clinical Depression Screening and Follow-Up Reporting screen, click on Reporting Options under Navigation.
- To view the patient's record, click on the EQRS ID number located under EQRS Patient ID.

Clinical Depression Screening Records

The records below include only those patients who may be treated for at least 90 days within the assessment period, and who meet the age requirement according to the following rules:

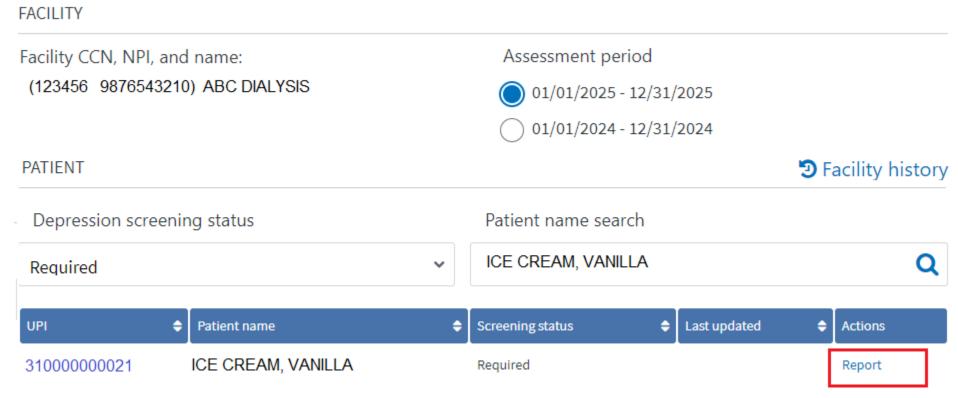
Age 12 by 2024-10-31, for assessment period 2024-01-01 to 2024-12-31 Age 12 by 2025-10-31, for assessment period 2025-01-01 to 2025-12-31



Clinical Depression Screenings

Click Report under Actions.

Clinical Depression Screening and Follow-Up Reporting



Submit Clinical Depression Screening

Clinical Depression Screening and Follow-Up Reporting for ICE CREAM, VANILLA

In order to comply with QIP requirements, you must submit Clinical Depression Screening and Follow-Up Plan information for each eligible patient at least once during the calendar year.

Clinical Depression Screening reporting period closes for the

January 1 - December 31, 2025 assessment period on 03/03/2026 2:59 am EST

- . Only required to be submitted for patients age 12 or older
- . Only required to be submitted for patients treated at the facility for 90 days or longer
- . Only required of facilities with at least 11 eligible patients during the assessment period selected
- . Only required of facilities with a CCN open date prior to September 1 of the assessment year selected

Please select one of the following options describing the clinical depression screening and (when necessary) the follow up plan documented for the patient.

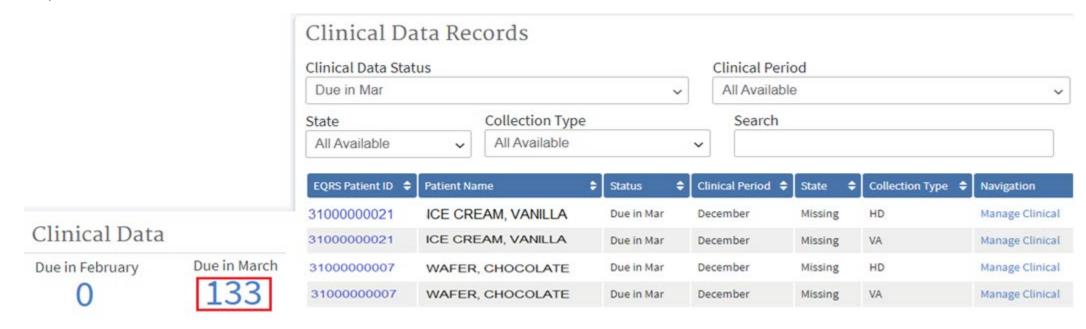
0	Screening for clinical depression is documented as being positive, and a follow-up plan is documented		
\cap	Screening for clinical depression documented as positive, and a follow-up plan not documented, and the facility possess documentation stating the patient)	
\cup	is not eligible		
	Screening for clinical depression documented as positive, the facility possesses no documentation of a follow-up plan, and no reason is given $^{m{0}}$		
\bigcirc	Screening for clinical depression is documented as negative, and a follow-up plan is not required		
0	Screening for clinical depression not documented, but the facility possesses documentation stating the patient is not eligible •		
0	Clinical depression screening not documented, and no reason is given		
Cancel			

Submit

- Review the clinical depression screening options.
- Make the appropriate selection.
- Click Submit.

Clinical Data

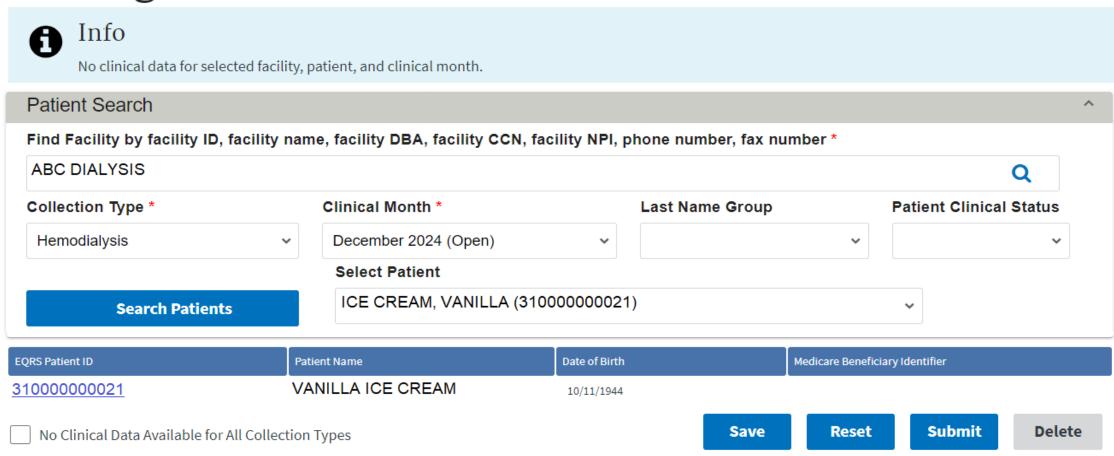
- Click the number under "Due in <month>".
- To access the *Manage Patient Clinical Values* screen, click on **Manage** Clinical under *Navigation*.
- To view the patient's record, click on the EQRS ID number located under EQRS Patient ID.



Clinical Data

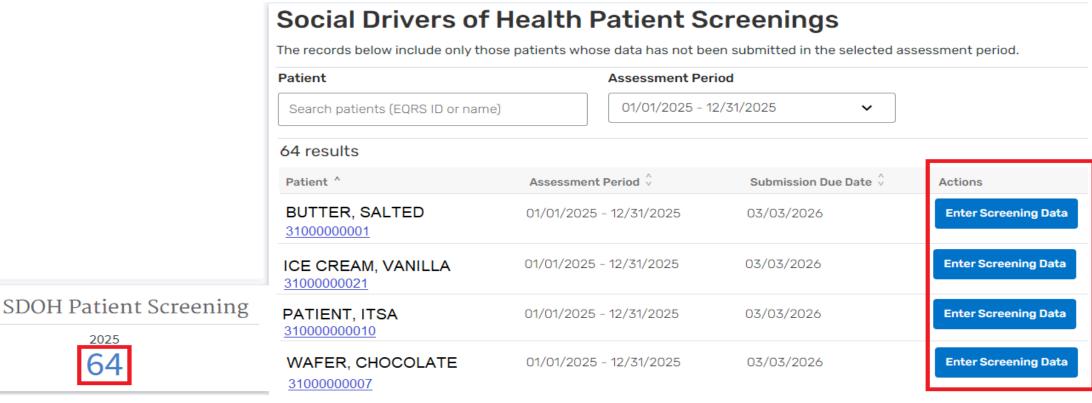
Enter and submit clinical data for each collection type for each patient.

Manage Patient Clinical Values



SDOH Patient Screenings

- Click the number under the SDOH Patient Screening.
- To access the SDOH screening page, click on Enter Screening Data under Actions column.
- To view the patient's record, click on the EQRS ID number located under Patient column.



SDOH Screening

If the patient was screened, was the screening result positive for the SDOH factors below?				
NO				
0				
0				
0				
0				
0				

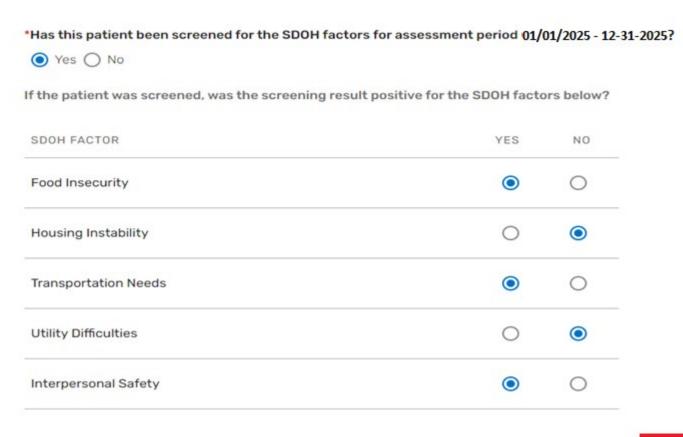
- Select Yes: If the patient was screened for all SDOH factors.
- Select No: If the patient was not screened for all SDOH factors.

SDOH Screening: Patient was not screened

- Indicate the reason the patient was not screened.
 - Select No.
 - Select the reason the patient was not screened.
- Click Submit Screening.

*Has	this patient been screened for the SDOH factors for assessment period 01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025?			
0	Yes No			
1	*Select a reason patient was not screened:			
į	Opted out from screening			
į	O Patient was unable to complete screening during their admission and has no legal guardian or caregiver able to do so on the patient's behalf			
i	No screening was performed, with no reason given			
	Close Submit Screening			

SDOH Screening: Patient was Screened

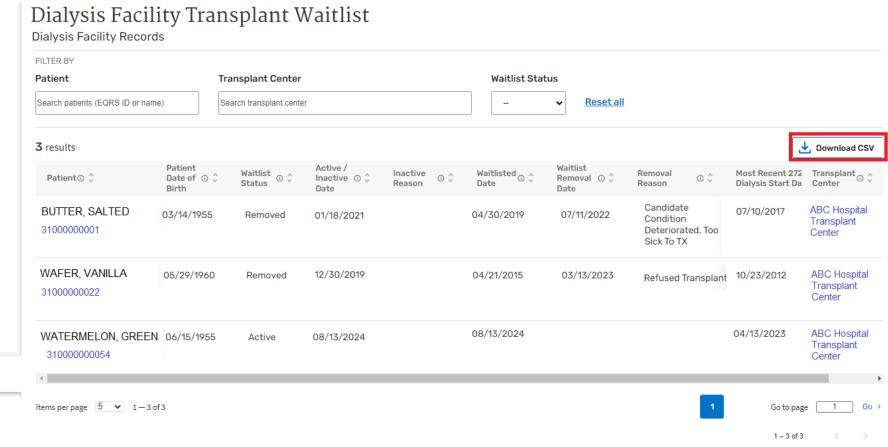


- Select Yes.
- Indicate Yes or No for each SDOH Factor.
- No response = No Credit.
- Click Submit Screening.

Close Submit Screening

Dialysis Facility Transplant Waitlist

- Allows dialysis facilities to view the waitlist statuses of its dialysis patients.
- The waitlist report can be downloaded by clicking Download CSV.



Dialysis Facility Transplant Waitlist

Coming Soon

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- Clinical data submission deadlines
- National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) data submission deadlines

EQRS Clinical Data Submission Deadlines

Data Submission Schedule for 2025 EQRS Clinical Data			
Reporting Month	Data Submission Deadline		
January 2025	March 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT		
February 2025	April 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT		
March 2025	June 2, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT		
April 2025	June 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT		

Note: For additional information on the ESRD QIP measures, refer to the Calendar Year (CY) 2025 ESRD QIP Technical Measure Specifications.

EQRS Depression Screening and Follow-Up Submission Deadline

EQRS Submission Schedule for		
2025 Depression Screening and Follow-Up Assessments		

Assessment Period	Data Submission Deadline
January 1 – December 31, 2025	March 2, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. PT

Note: For additional information on the Clinical Depression Screening and Follow Up measure, refer to the CY 2025 ESRD QIP Technical Measure Specifications.

ICH CAHPS Attestation Submission Deadline

EQRS Submission Schedule for
2025 In-Center Hemodialysis Consumer Assessment
of Healthcare Providers and Systems (ICH CAHPS) Attestation

Attestation Year	Data Submission Deadline
January 1 – December 31, 2025	March 2, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. PT

Note: For additional information on the ICH CAHPS Survey measure, refer to the CY 2025 ESRD QIP Technical Measure Specifications.

NHSN ESRD Data Submission Deadlines

Data Submission Schedule for 2024 and 2025 NHSN ESRD Data: Dialysis Events, Bloodstream Infections, and COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel

Quarter/Year	Reporting Months	Data Submission Deadline
4/2024	October-December	March 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT
1/2025	January-March	June 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT
2/2025	April-June	September 30, 2025, 11:59 p.m. PT
3/2025	July-September	December 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT
4/2025	October-December	March 31, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. PT

Facilities must submit NHSN data by the established deadlines. Not meeting the required reporting deadlines puts your facility at risk for an ESRD QIP payment reduction.

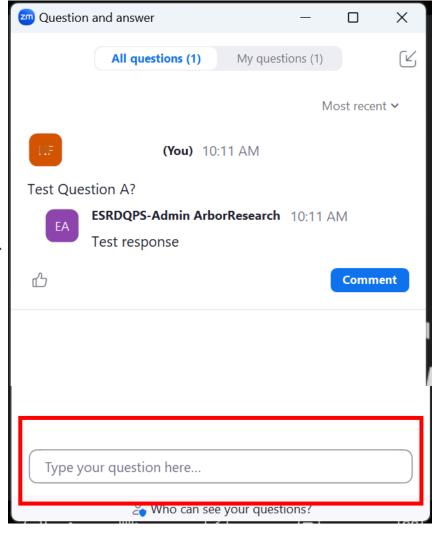
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Upcoming ESRD QIP & EQRS Events

Save the Dates!

All Events are Scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. ET

April EQRS Stakeholder Meeting

TBD

Post-Event Evaluation

Please complete a short post-event evaluation by clicking on the link in the Chat box. Your feedback will help improve future events.

Thank you for attending the March 2025 EQRS Stakeholder Meeting

Recordings and slides from all ESRD QIP and EQRS events are posted shortly after the events at: https://mycrownweb.org/events/