

B1. PATIENT FORMS

1. CMS-2728 [CHRONIC RENAL DISEASE MEDICAL EVIDENCE REPORT]

An initial 2728 must be completed and submitted on every newly diagnosed ESRD patient, including those who may already be entitled to Medicare based on age or disability. Entitlement to ESRD Medicare benefits depends upon the completion and submission of this form. This form should be completed for all patients even if the patient dies within the entitlement period. This form should be completed for those patients beginning any of the following:

- For all patients who initially receive a kidney transplant instead of a course of dialysis.
- All patients for whom a regular course of dialysis has been prescribed by a physician because they have reached that stage of renal impairment that a kidney transplant or regular course of dialysis is necessary to maintain life.
- For beneficiaries who have already been entitled to ESRD Medicare benefits, those benefits were terminated because their coverage stopped three years post transplant, and who are again applying for Medicare ESRD benefits because they returned to dialysis or received another kidney transplant.
- For beneficiaries who stopped dialysis for more than twelve months, have had their Medicare ESRD benefits terminated and have now returned to dialysis or received a kidney transplant. These patients will be reapplying for Medicare benefits.

Complete the 2728 and send to the Network within 45 days of when the patient is diagnosed as having ESRD. It requires a physician's signature attesting that the patient has ESRD.

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The CMS-2728 form can be obtained from your local Social Security office. Instructions for completing the 2728 are on the back of each set of forms. The original (top) copy goes to Social Security; the second copy is sent to the Network and the last copy is retained in the patient's file.