



November 2024 Data E-Newsletter from Network 11

Obtaining Nephrologist Signatures on CMS 2728 Forms



Blue ink physician and patient signatures are no longer required on CMS 2728 forms (please note you must still obtain both signatures though). **You can now fax CMS 2728 forms to and from nephrologists for their review and signature.** You DO NOT need to wait for the once-per-month physician rounding day to get a blue ink signature any longer.

Upcoming Holidays and Submitting CMS Forms

Midwest Kidney Network would like to remind all providers that **CMS 2728 forms are still due with 45 days and CMS 2746 forms are still due within 14 days, regardless of the upcoming federal holidays.** If you need assistance with submitting a form, please call Aletha at (651) 644-5839 or Alli at (651) 644-2911. Reminder, we can submit **fully complete** CMS forms on behalf of facilities who may be experiencing staff shortages.



NEW Medical Personnel Module in EQRS



A new Medical Personnel Module was released in EQRS on November 7. **This module includes only personnel with a National Provider Identifier (NPI) number.** Existing physicians/personnel with a valid NPI will remain assigned to your facility in the new EQRS module. **ACTION NEEDED: please check your facility's personnel list in EQRS to ensure all physicians are listed as expected.**

PY 2025 ESRD QIP Final Reports Available in EQRS

The Payment Year (PY) 2025 Final Performance Score Reports (PSRs) and Performance Score Certificates (PSCs) for the ESRD Quality Incentive Program (QIP) are available to download in the QIP section of EQRS as of November 6, 2024. **Dialysis facilities are required to print the English and Spanish versions of their PSC and post both certificates in a public location in the facility no later than November 27, 2024.** The PSR does not need to be posted but it provides more details for facilities about the scores in the PSC.



For instructions on how to access the PSR and PSC in EQRS, please see the **PY 2025 ESRD QIP UI Quick Start Guide.**

Dialysis Facility Compare (DFC) Available in EQRS



The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) **Dialysis Facilities Care Compare (DFCC) preview period begins on Friday, November 1, 2024, and ends on Friday, November 15, 2024.** Your facility or organization's DFCC patient lists and preview reports will be available for download in a new care compare module within the **ESRD Quality Reporting System (EQRS).** The reports will be available for download until the beginning of the January 2025 DFCC preview period.

Please reach out to Kristen.Ward@MidwestKidneyNetwork.org with questions!