



October 2024 Data Manager E-Newsletter from Network 11

New! Revised CMS 2728 and 2746 Forms

The revised CMS 2728 and 2746 forms went live in EQRS on October 1, 2024. You can review the [CMS 2728 changes](#), a [CMS 2728 FAQ](#), and the [CMS 2746 changes](#). If you have questions about the revised forms, please contact Alli at (651) 644-2911 or Aletha at (651) 644-5839 – **feel free to call us FIRST!**



Revised CMS 2728 and 2746 Forms Open Office Hours



Midwest Kidney Network is hosting several open office hour events for dialysis and transplant providers to ask their questions about the newly revised CMS 2728 and 2746 forms. These will be informal live gatherings for providers to inquire and discuss the recent changes to CMS forms.

- [Dialysis – Wednesday October 23 at 11:00am CST](#)
- [Dialysis – Thursday October 24 at 1:00pm CST](#)
- [Transplant – Wednesday October 30 at 10:00am CST](#)

Blue Ink Signatures on CMS 2728 Forms

IMPORTANT! Please note, blue ink physician and patient signatures are NO longer required on CMS 2728 forms. This means that you can fax or obtain an electronic signature from physicians, and you DO NOT need to wait for the once-per-month physician rounding day! CMS expects that all 2728 forms are submitted in EQRS no later than 45 days after the patients begins outpatient dialysis – we expect this process change to help ease this common barrier for timely submission.



Data Quality Measures Cohort Project



On October 1, Midwest Kidney Network began our latest Data Quality Measures cohort project with select dialysis facilities. CMS expects that all cohort facilities participate in Network run activities. **If you are in this cohort, you would have received an email from Alli Bailey with required action items – please kindly respond to begin your participation in the project.**

CMS 2744/Annual Facility Census Survey

As we near the end of 2024, we want to offer a reminder that **the CMS 2744/Annual Facility Census Survey will be due in March 2025.** The 2744 is required by CMS to be submitted by all dialysis and transplant providers for every calendar year. As usual, we will host training events at the beginning of 2025, but you can start taking action now by ensuring all patients are admitted to your facility in EQRS and continue to complete all CMS 2728 and 2746 forms on time.

