

Timely Submission of 2728 Forms: Patients With Acute Kidney Injury (AKI)

The End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network has identified two issues related to patients with AKI and completion of the ESRD Medical Evidence Report (2728 Form):

- 1. Patients with AKI are being entered into ESRD Quality Reporting System (EQRS). Only patients requiring chronic dialysis for ESRD should be entered into EQRS.**

If the facility has admitted a patient with AKI into EQRS:

- Discharge the patient from EQRS using “acute” for the discharge reason.
- Contact the EQRS Help Desk at 1.866.288.8912 to ask that they delete the patient from the facility’s EQRS census.

- 2. When patients progress from having AKI to chronic ESRD, clinical facility staff are not notifying the person in the facility who completes the 2728 forms.**

It is imperative that the patient be admitted into EQRS immediately after he or she has been diagnosed with chronic ESRD, so the facility has the full 45 days to complete the 2728 form. The 45 days starts based on the patient’s first date of chronic dialysis at the facility, not when the 2728 form is initiated in EQRS. Delaying admission of the patient into EQRS or initiation of the 2728 form will cause the facility to have late forms and possibly be included in a Network improvement project.

Best practices to improve facility communication about patients who transition from AKI to chronic ESRD include:

- 1. Immediate Notification:** Inform staff (especially the person who completes the 2728 forms) of an ESRD diagnosis immediately. Doctors often write a note in the patient’s medical chart; however, this note is easily overlooked by other staff.
- 2. Encrypted Emails:** Ask doctors or nurse managers to send encrypted emails to the entire team when a patient transitions from AKI to ESRD.
- 3. Doctor Discussions:** Have nursing staff actively discuss patients’ AKI status with the doctors during rounds to identify any change in status.
- 4. Weekly review:** Review the status of all patients with AKI weekly to identify status changes.