



Reference Guide: Form CMS-2728 Updates in Versions 2023 and 2025

This reference guide provides a description of updated and/or modified field items for the newly updated Form CMS-2728. This guide reflects changes that were made in the 2023 version and additional changes made in the 2025 version. The notes field identifies which changes were made in 2025 and which were made in 2023. This reference guide does not include information about field items that were unchanged in the 2023 or 2025 versions.

Please Note: All required fields in Section A, Section B, and Section F must be completed prior to sending the Form to the Social Security Administration (SSA).

Form Item Number	Updates	Required or Optional	Notes
SECTION A: COMPLETE FOR ALL ESRD PATIENTS			
3	Added field: Social Security Number (SSN)	N/A*	New field item in 2023 Previously grouped with Medicare Beneficiary Identifier.
7	Added field: Alternate Phone Contact	N/A*	New field item in 2023
8	Renamed field: Changed “Sex assigned at birth” to “What is your sex?”	N/A*	Renamed in 2025
9	Removed field: How Do You Currently Describe Yourself:	N/A*	Removed in 2025
10	Removed field: Ethnicity	N/A*	Removed in 2025

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11	Removed field: Country/area of origin or ancestry	N/A	Removed in 2025
12	Removed field: Race	N/A	Removed in 2025
13	Added Primary Causes of Renal Disease ICD-10 Codes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E11.21 Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic nephropathy I12.0 Hypertensive chronic kidney disease with stage 5 chronic kidney disease or end stage renal disease U07.1 COVID19	Required	New responses added in 2023 Three additional ICD-10 codes added as reporting options.
15	Added responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Co-Morbid Conditions New Co-Morbid Conditions to Consider for Pediatric Patients	Required	New responses added in 2023 Added an additional 20 co-morbid conditions and 12 pediatric co-morbid conditions.
16(d)	Modified two responses for “What access was used on first outpatient dialysis.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added “PD Catheter” Renamed Catheter to “Central Venous Catheter” Added two sub-type questions: Was one lumen of the Central Venous Catheter used and one needle placed in an AVF or graft? Is PD catheter present?	Required	Modified responses and added two new sub-type questions in 2023 Expanded responses for access types used at initiation of dialysis to collect more thorough vascular access information. 16d is a required field; sub-type questions are conditionally required depending on the response provided.
16(e)	Added two questions: Was patient diagnosed with an acute kidney injury (AKI) in the last 12 months? If yes, was dialysis required?	Optional	New field item in 2023 Collects AKI information. “If yes, was dialysis required?” is conditionally required if the above AKI response is “yes”
16(f)	Added question: Does the patient indicate they received and understood options for a home dialysis modality?	Optional	New field item in 2023 Collects information on patient education and understanding of home dialysis options, prior to ESRD therapy.

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16(g)	Added two questions: Does the patient indicate they received and understood options for a kidney transplant? For living donor transplant?	Optional	New field item in 2023 Collects information on patient education and understanding of transplant options, prior to ESRD therapy.
16(h)	Added question: Does the patient indicate they received and understood the option of not starting dialysis at all, also called active medical management without dialysis?	Optional	New field item in 2023 Collects information on patient education and understanding of active medical management without dialysis option, prior to ESRD therapy.
17	Added ability to: Report admission laboratory values, if laboratory values within 45 days prior to the most recent ESRD episode are not available within 30 days of admission.	Required	Modified reporting option in 2023 Allows flexibility to report admission laboratory values.
17(h)	Added: Cystatin C	Optional	Added laboratory reporting field in 2023 Added cystatin to collect additional ESRD-focused data.
19	Added question: Are you currently concerned about where you will live over the next 90 days?	Optional	New field item in 2023 Collects information on social determinants of health, specific to housing.
20	Added three questions: Do you have caregiver support to assist with your daily care? With home dialysis/kidney transplant? Does the caregiver live with you?	Optional	New field item in 2023 Includes three new caregiver support questions. Collects information on social determinants of health, specific to caregiver support.
21	Added question: Do you have access to reliable transportation?	Optional	New field item in 2023 Collects information on social determinants of health, specific to transportation.
22	Added new field: Do you understand the information received to make an informed healthcare decision?.....Yes No	Optional	New field item in 2025 Replacing field 26
23	Added question: Do you find it hard to pay for the very basics like housing, medical	Optional	New field item in 2023 Collects information on social determinants of health,

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	care, electricity, and heating?		specific to basic needs.
24	Added question: Within the past 12 months, has the food you bought not lasted and you didn't have money to get more?	Optional	New field item in 2023 Collects information on social determinants of health, specific to food insecurity.
25	Added question: Has anyone, including family and friends, threatened you with harm or physically hurt you in the last 12 months?	Optional	New Field Item in 2023 Collects information on social determinants of health, specific to violence.
26	Removed the following fields: Do you understand health literature in English?.....Yes No Do you need a different way other than written documents to learn about your health?.....Yes No Do you need a translator to understand health information? Yes No	N/A	Removed in 2025
SECTION B: COMPLETE FOR ESRD PATIENTS IN DIALYSIS TREATMENT			
32	Rephrased question: Changed “Has patient been informed of kidney options?” to “ Does the patient understand kidney transplant options at the time of admission? ” Added response: Added: “N/A (if patient answered Yes to question 20g)”	Required	Rephrased question in 2023 Expanded questioning to collect information on patient’s understanding of transplant options. Added response in 2023 N/A is the required response when the answer to 16g is Yes.

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33	Added two responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Patient found information overwhelming” “Cognitive Impairment” Modified two responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changed “Patient is not eligible medically” to “Patient has an absolute contraindication” Changed “Patient has not been assessed” to “Patient has not been assessed at this time” 	Required when No is selected for item 32	Added and modified responses in 2023 Expanded questioning to collect information on patient’s understanding of transplant options.
34	Added question: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the patient been connected to a transplant center with a referral? 	Required	New field item in 2023 Collects transplant referral information.
34(a)	Added field: Date of referral (mm/dd/yyyy)	Required when Yes is selected for item 34	New field item in 2023 Collects transplant referral information.
34(b)	Added field: Name of transplant center	Required when Yes is selected for item 34	New field item in 2023 Provides an option to search for a transplant center by facility ID, name, Doing Business As (DBA) category, CMS Certification Number (CCN), National Provider Identifier (NPI), phone or fax number. Alternatively, the transplant center name can be entered in the manual entry field.
34(c)	Added field: Medicare Provider Number of transplant center (for item 34b)	N/A	New field item in 2023 Auto-populates when the transplant center name for 34b is selected via the search option.

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34(d)	Added field: NPI of transplant center (for item 34b)	N/A	New field item in 2023 Auto-populates when the transplant center name for 34b is selected via the search option.
35	Added question: Does the patient understand home dialysis options at the time of admission?	Required	New field item in 2023 Collects information on patient's understanding of home dialysis options. N/A is the required response when the answer to 16f is Yes.
36	Added question: If patient NOT informed of home dialysis options (or does not understand home dialysis options) please check all that apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient found information overwhelming • Patient declined information • Cognitive Impairment • Patient has not been assessed at this time • Patient has an absolute contraindication 	Required when No is selected for item 35	New field item in 2023 Collects information on patient's understanding of home dialysis options.
SECTION C: COMPLETE FOR ALL KIDNEY TRANSPLANT PATIENTS			
44	Renamed field: Changed "Type of Donor" to "Type of Transplant" Modified responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renamed "Deceased" to "Deceased Donor" • Added "Multi-organ" • Added "Paired Exchange" 	N/A**	Renamed field and added/modified responses in 2023 Collects additional information on the type of kidney transplant. Pre-populates from the <u>Transplant Treatment Information</u> tab in EQRS.

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46	Added Response: “Transitional Care Unit”	N/A ***	Added response in 2023 Expanded response to include all dialysis care settings. Option to select response is only enabled in the Re-entitlement Form CMS-2728.
SECTION F: OBTAIN SIGNATURE FROM PATIENT			
N/A	Added text: “If patient unable to sign/mark check below:” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost to Follow-up • Moved out of the United States and territories • Expired date (mm/dd/yyyy) 	N/A	Added reporting option in 2023 Allows the form to be submitted if the patient cannot sign it. NOTE: When patient is unable to sign due to death, go to the Patient Attributes page and enter the patient’s Date of Death. Then, return to the Form CMS-2728, select the Expired date box, and submit. EQRS will return an error when submitting the Form CMS-2728 if there is no Date of Death on the Patient Attributes page when Expired Date is selected.
LIST OF PRIMARY CAUSES OF RENAL FAILURE (new ICD-10 codes)			
List of Primary Cause of Renal Failure	Added ICD-10 Codes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E11.21 Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic nephropathy • I12.0 Hypertensive chronic kidney disease with stage 5 chronic kidney disease or end stage renal disease • U07.1 COVID19 	N/A	Three additional ICD-10 codes added to the LIST OF PRIMARY CAUSES OF RENAL FAILURE in 2023.

*Pre-populates from the Patient screen in EQRS.

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***Response option only enabled in the Re-entitlement Form CMS-2728 when the Admit Reason is “Dialysis After Transplant Failed.”