# EQRS: Patient Admit/Discharge Guidance

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The following scenarios provide guidance on the entry of patient admission and discharge records into the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Reporting System (EQRS). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will continue to assess the Admit/Discharge process in EQRS. CMS will implement updates, if necessary, to meet data reporting requirements and the ESRD Community's needs.

| EQRS PATIENT ADMISSION: SCENARIO 1 | |
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| **Scenario** | A patient has been treating at Facility A for three years. The patient goes to Florida for a week on vacation and receives treatment at Facility B. |
| **Expectation** | Facility A leaves the patient as its permanent patient the entire time. Facility B does not admit the patient in EQRS. Facility A is expected to report clinical data. |

| EQRS PATIENT ADMISSION: SCENARIO 2 | |
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| **Scenario** | A patient has been treating at Facility 123 for over a year. The patient is admitted to the hospital and is expected to be there for only two weeks, but ends up staying for six weeks. |
| **Expectation** | Since the patient is gone for greater than 30 days, Facility 123 discharges the patient as of the last treatment date and uses the *Discharge Reason* of **Transfer** with the *Transfer Discharge Subcategory* of **Hospital.** Once the patient returns from the hospital, Facility 123 admits the patient again as a permanent patient using the *Admit Reason* of **Transfer In**. |

| EQRS PATIENT ADMISSION: SCENARIO 3a | |
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| **Scenario** | A patient is treating as in-center hemodialysis (ICHD) at Facility XYZ and is changing to a peritoneal dialysis (PD) modality at Facility 456. **The patient completes PD training.** |
| **Expectation** | Facility 456 admits the patient as a permanent patient using the *Admit Reason* **Transfer In**, as of the first PD training session. Facility XYZ |

| | discharges the patient as of the date of last treatment, using the *Discharge Reason* **Transfer** with the *Transfer Discharge Subcategory* of **Dialysis Facility**. If the patient needs additional ICHD treatments, Facility XYZ does not admit the patient in EQRS, unless the patient resumes treatment at Facility XYZ permanently. |
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| EQRS PATIENT ADMISSION: SCENARIO 3b | |
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| **Scenario** | A patient is treating as ICHD at Facility XYZ and is changing to a PD modality at Facility 456.<br>**The patient DOES NOT complete PD training.** |
| **Expectation** | Facility 456 admits the patient as a permanent patient as of the start of PD training. Facility XYZ discharges the patient using the *Discharge Reason* of **Transfer** with the *Transfer Discharge Subcategory* of **Dialysis Facility**, as of the date of the last ICHD treatment. If the patient needs additional ICHD treatments, Facility XYZ does not admit the patient in EQRS, unless the patient resumes treatment at Facility XYZ permanently. When a decision is made to permanently return to ICHD, Facility XYZ admits the patient again as of the first ICHD treatment after stopping PD training, using the *Admit Reason* of **Transfer In**. |

| EQRS PATIENT ADMISSION: SCENARIO 4a | |
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| **Scenario** | A patient has been treating at Facility 876 and receives a transplant on 3/4/2020.<br>**The patient's transplant is successful.** |
| **Expectation** | Facility 876 discharges the patient using the *Discharge Reason* of **Transplant in US**, as of the last treatment before the transplant date of 3/4/2020. Transplant Center A admits the patient as of 3/4/2020. If the patient needs temporary dialysis in support of this transplant, Facility 876 temporarily admits the patient using the *Admit Reason* of **Dialysis in Support of a Transplant**. Once temporary dialysis is no longer needed, Facility 876 discharges the patient using the *Discharge Reason* of **Delayed Function Resolved following a Transplant**. |

| EQRS PATIENT ADMISSION: SCENARIO 4b | |
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| **Scenario** | A patient has been treating at Facility 876 and receives a transplant on 3/4/2020. **The patient's transplant is unsuccessful and declared failed on 4/2/2020.** |
| **Expectation** | Facility 876 discharges the patient using the *Discharge Reason* of **Transplant in US,** as of the last treatment before the transplant date of 3/4/2020. Transplant Center A admits the patient as of 3/4/2020. If the patient needs temporary dialysis in support of this transplant, Facility 876 temporarily admits the patient using the *Admit Reason* of **Dialysis in Support of a Transplant**. <br> The transplant is declared failed on 4/2/2020 and Transplant Center A discharges the patient as of 4/2/2020. Facility 876 also discharges the patient using the *Discharge Reason* of **Delayed Function Unresolved following a Transplant**. The Facility admitting the patient after the failed transplant admits the patient permanently as of the first treatment date after 4/2/2020 (after the transplant is declared failed), using the *Admit Reason* of **Dialysis After Transplant Failed.** |

| EQRS PATIENT ADMISSION: SCENARIO 5 | |
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| **Scenario** | A patient is treating at Facility B but receives an extra treatment each week at Facility C and this will continue greater than 30 days. |
| **Expectation** | Facility C does not admit the patient. The patient's admission remains at Facility B. |

| EQRS PATIENT ADMISSION: SCENARIO 6 | |
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| **Scenario** | A patient always travels out of the country due to work. The patient stops at multiple units per month, but does not stay at any facility for more than 30 days. |
| **Expectation** | The patient is not admitted to EQRS at any of the facilities. |

| EQRS PATIENT ADMISSION: SCENARIO 7a | |
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| **Scenario** | A patient is a permanent ICHD patient in Facility 765. On 5/8/20, the patient visits his/her son for three weeks in another city and receives treatments at Facility 432. The patient returns to Facility 765 within three weeks. |
| **Expectation** | The patient remains admitted to Facility 765. Facility 432 does not admit the patient in EQRS. |

| EQRS PATIENT ADMISSION: SCENARIO 7b | |
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| **Scenario** | A patient is a permanent ICHD patient in Facility 765. On 5/8/20, the patient visits his/her son for three weeks in another city and receives treatments at Facility 432. **The patient stays longer than 30 Days at Facility 432.** |
| **Expectation** | Facility 765 discharges the patient using the last treatment date before 5/8/20, using the *Discharge Reason* of **Transfer** with the *Transfer Discharge Subcategory* of **Dialysis Facility**. Facility 432 admits the patient on 5/8/20 (the date of first treatment at that facility), using the *Admit Reason* of **Transfer In**. <br><br> The patient returns to Facility 765 on 6/20/20. Facility 432 discharges the patient using the date of the last treatment before 6/20/20, using the *Discharge Reason* of **Transfer** with the *Transfer Discharge Subcategory* of **Dialysis Facility**. Facility 765 admits the patient on 6/20/20, using the *Admit Reason* of **Transfer In**. |

| EQRS PATIENT ADMISSION: SCENARIO 8 | |
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| **Scenario** | A patient is a permanent ICHD patient in Facility 246. On 6/10/20, the patient goes to Facility 135 for temporary treatments and intends to return to his/her permanent facility in one week. However, on 6/25/20, the patient decides to transfer permanently to Facility 135. |
| **Expectation** | Facility 246 discharges the patient as of the last treatment date before 6/10/20, using the *Discharge Reason* of **Transfer** with the *Transfer Discharge Subcategory* of **Dialysis Facility**. Facility 135 admits the patient with a date of 6/10/20, using the *Admit Reason* of **Transfer In**. |

## Summary:

- Admit patients who will be at the facility for 14 treatments or more, or greater than 30 days.

- A facility that has treated a patient for 14 treatments or more during the month or treated the patient for greater than 30 days is responsible for submitting Clinical data in EQRS on that patient.

- If a patient is admitted to Facility A as a permanent patient, but expires within 30 days of the admission, Facility A should still admit the patient, and is responsible for completing the CMS-2746 Form.

- Admit Reason: A patient admitted as New ESRD, Dialysis after Transplant Failed, Restart or Transplant needs to be admitted to the facility regardless of the timeframe.