



EQRS: Patient Admit/Discharge Guidance

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The following scenarios provide guidance related to the entry of patients' admission and discharge records into the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Reporting System (EQRS) in support of the November 9, 2020 release. 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	
Scenario	A patient has been treating at Clinic A for three years. The patient goes to Florida for a week on vacation and receives treatment at Clinic B.
Expectation	Clinic A leaves the patient as its permanent patient the entire time. Clinic B does not admit the patient in EQRS. Clinic A is expected to report clinical data.

EQRS PATIENT ADMISSION: SCENARIO 2	
Scenario	A patient has been treating at Clinic 123 for over a year. The patient goes to the hospital and is expected to be there for only two weeks, but it ends up being six weeks.
Expectation	Clinic 123 discharges the patient as of the last treatment date as "Transfer → Hospital" and readmits the patient as a permanent "Transfer In" upon his/her return.

EQRS PATIENT ADMISSION: SCENARIO 3a	
Scenario	A patient is treating as in-center hemodialysis (ICHD) at Clinic XYZ and is changing to a peritoneal dialysis (PD) modality at Clinic 456. Patient Completes Training
Expectation	Clinic 456 admits the patient as a permanent patient as of the start of PD Training. Clinic XYZ discharges the patient the date of last treatment. If the patient needs additional ICHD treatments, Clinic XYZ does not admit the patient in EQRS.



EQRS PATIENT ADMISSION: SCENARIO 3b	
Scenario	A patient is treating as ICHD at Clinic XYZ and is changing to a PD modality at Clinic 456. Patient <u>DOES NOT</u> Complete Training
Expectation	Clinic 456 admits the patient as a permanent patient as of the start of PD Training. Clinic XYZ discharges the patient the date of last treatment. If the patient needs additional ICHD treatments, Clinic XYZ does not admit the patient in EQRS. When a decision is made to permanently return to ICHD, Clinic 456 admits the patient as of the first treatment post the training failure decision.

EQRS PATIENT ADMISSION: SCENARIO 4a	
Scenario	A patient has been treating at Clinic 876 and receives a transplant on 3/4/2020. Successful Transplant
Expectation	Clinic 876 discharges the patient as “Transplant in US” as of the last treatment before 3/4/2020. Transplant Center A admits the patient as of 3/4/2020. If patient needs temporary dialysis in support of transplant, Clinic 876 does not admit the patient in EQRS.

EQRS PATIENT ADMISSION: SCENARIO 4b	
Scenario	A patient has been treating at Clinic 876 and receives a transplant on 3/4/2020. Unsuccessful Transplant
Expectation	Clinic 876 discharges the patient as “Transplant in US” as of the last treatment before 3/4/2020. Transplant Center A admits the patient as of 3/4/2020. If patient needs temporary dialysis in support of transplant, Clinic 876 does not admit the patient in EQRS. The transplant is declared failed on 4/2/2020. Transplant Center A discharges the patient as of 4/2/2020. The Clinic admitting the patient admits him/her as of the first treatment date.



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

EQRS PATIENT ADMISSION: SCENARIO 6	
Scenario	A patient always travels the country due to work. The patient stops at multiple units per month but none >30 days.
Expectation	The patient is not admitted to EQRS at any of the clinics.

EQRS PATIENT ADMISSION: SCENARIO 7a	
Scenario	A patient is a permanent ICH patient in Clinic 765. On 5/8/20, the patient goes to visit his/her son for three weeks in another city and receives treatments at Clinic 432. Patient Returns Within 3 Weeks
Expectation	The patient remains admitted to Clinic 765. Clinic 432 does not admit the patient in EQRS.

EQRS PATIENT ADMISSION: SCENARIO 7b	
Scenario	A patient is a permanent ICH patient in Clinic 765. On 5/8/20, the patient goes to visit his/her son for three weeks in another city and receives treatments at Clinic 432. Patient Stays Longer Than 30 Days
Expectation	Clinic 765 discharges the patient on 5/7/20. Clinic 432 enters an admission with admit date 5/8/20. The patient returns to Clinic 765 on 6/20/20. Clinic 432 discharges the patient as of the last treatment before 6/20/20. Clinic 765 admits the patient on 6/20/20.



EQRS PATIENT ADMISSION: SCENARIO 8	
Scenario	A patient is a permanent ICH patient in Clinic 246. On 6/10/20, the patient goes to Clinic 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 Clinic 135.
Expectation	Clinic 246 would discharge the patient as of the last treatment before 6/10/20. Clinic 135 would admit the patient with a date of 6/10/20.

Summary:

- Admit patients who will be at their facilities for more than 13 treatments, or beyond 30 days.
- Whichever clinic treated a patient for 13 or more treatments during the month is responsible for submitting clinical data.
- If a patient is admitted to Facility A as a permanent patient, but expires within 30 days of the admit, since the intent was permanent, Facility A should still admit the patient, and is responsible for 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.