



## Admission in Support of Transplant: Frequently Asked Questions

**Question 1:** Do dialysis facilities have to admit patients who received a kidney transplant and require temporary dialysis at a facility in the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Reporting System (EQRS)?

**Answer:** Yes. Patients who are receiving temporary dialysis following a kidney transplant must be admitted to the dialysis facility in EQRS. The facility must select the *Admit Reason of Dialysis in Support of Transplant* in EQRS for this type of admission.

**Please note:** If your facility batch submits data or uses Health Information Exchange (HIE)/Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) methods, follow the guidance provided by your organization. However, if batch or HIE/EDI data submission is unavailable, your facility will be responsible for reporting Dialysis in Support of Transplant information in the user interface until batch or HIE/EDI submission is available.

**Question 2:** What happens if a kidney transplant patient is admitted to a dialysis facility with the *Admit Reason of Dialysis in Support of Transplant*, but the function of the transplanted kidney fails, and the patient needs to be admitted to the facility as a permanent dialysis patient?

**Answer:** Discharge the patient from the dialysis facility using the *Discharge Reason of Delayed Function Unresolved following a Transplant*. Next, re-admit the patient under the facility in EQRS using the *Admit Reason of Dialysis After Transplant Failed*. The first treatment date under the *Admit Reason of Dialysis After Transplant Failed* will be the date that the nephrologist deemed the patient as a permanent ESRD dialysis patient after the kidney transplant failed.

**Question 3:** Is the *Admit Reason of Dialysis in Support of Transplant* the only temporary admit reason allowed in EQRS?

**Answer:** Yes. Currently, **Dialysis in Support of Transplant** is the only temporary admit reason allowed in EQRS. Additionally, this is the only admit reason that allows EQRS to retain two open admissions on a single patient. More specifically, it allows dialysis facilities to initiate a second admission in EQRS while the patient is currently admitted to a transplant facility.

**Question 4:** Can a dialysis facility change an admit reason in EQRS if a patient was mistakenly admitted in EQRS under the *Admit Reason of Dialysis in Support of Transplant* (as a temporary patient) instead of being admitted as a permanent patient after a failed kidney transplant?

**Answer:** Yes. A dialysis facility can correct or change the EQRS *Admit Reason* of **Dialysis in Support of Transplant** to the *Admit Reason* of **Dialysis After Transplant Failed** for a patient that is permanently admitted to a facility for dialysis after a failed transplant.

**Question 5:** Is a dialysis facility required to complete a CMS-2746 (death notification) Form if a patient passes away while temporarily admitted to the facility in EQRS under the *Admit Reason* of **Dialysis in Support of Transplant**?

**Answer:** No. A facility that has a patient temporarily admitted under the *Admit Reason* of **Dialysis in Support of Transplant** in EQRS is not required to complete a CMS-2746 Form if the patient passes away. The last dialysis facility or kidney transplant center where the patient was permanently admitted is responsible for completing the CMS-2746 Form.

**Question 6:** If a patient is admitted to a dialysis facility with the *Admit Reason* of **Dialysis in Support of Transplant** and the patient expires, should the dialysis facility discharge the patient using the *Discharge Reason* of **Death**?

**Answer:** No. The transplant facility where the patient was permanently admitted needs to discharge the patient using the *Discharge Reason* of **Death** and is responsible for completing the CMS 2746 Form. The dialysis facility will need to discharge the patient using the *Discharge Reason* of **Delayed Function Unresolved following a Transplant**.

**Question 7:** Does EQRS require a CMS-2728 (ESRD Medical Evidence Report Medicare Entitlement and/or Patient Registration) Form to be entered when the *Admit Reason* of **Dialysis in Support of Transplant** is selected in EQRS.

**Answer:** No. A CMS-2728 Form is not required to be completed when the *Admit Reason* of **Dialysis in Support of Transplant** is selected in EQRS, because this is considered a temporary admission.

**Question 8:** What discharge reasons can dialysis facilities select in EQRS for a patient with an *Admit Reason* of **Dialysis in Support of Transplant** and when should those discharge reasons be selected?

**Answer:** The two discharge reasons allowed in EQRS when the *Admit Reason* of **Dialysis in Support of Transplant** is selected include **Delayed Function Resolved following a Transplant**, and **Delayed Function Unresolved following a Transplant**.

The *Discharge Reason* of **Delayed Function Resolved following a Transplant** should be selected when a patient gains function of their donor kidney and no longer needs dialysis. The *Discharge Reason* of **Delayed Function Unresolved following a Transplant** should be selected when a patient's transplanted donor kidney fails after being temporarily admitted to a facility for dialysis in support of a transplant or the patient has expired.

**Please note:** Do **not** select the *Discharge Reason* of **Recovered Function of Original Kidney** because this discharge reason only pertains to patients with a native kidney and does not pertain to patients with a donor kidney.

**Question 9:** Do data from patients with an *Admit Reason* of **Dialysis in Support of Transplant** populate into the EQRS Reports (i.e., *Patient Roster Report* and *Patient Events Report*)?

**Answer:** Yes. Patients admitted with the *Admit Reason* of **Dialysis in Support of Transplant** will appear on the *Patient Events Report* and *Patient Events Report* in EQRS.

**Question 10:** Do data from patients with an *Admit Reason* of **Dialysis in Support of Transplant** populate on the CMS-2744 annual facility survey?

**Answer:** No. Since this admission reason is a temporary admission, the patient data will not populate on the CMS-2744 survey.

**Question 11:** Do patients with the *Admit Reason* of **Dialysis in Support of Transplant** populate on the EQRS *Manage Clinical* screen?

**Answer:** Yes. Patients with this admit reason will populate on the *Manage Clinical* screen. Although patients with an *Admit Reason* of **Dialysis in Support of Transplant** are admitted as temporary patients, facilities are still required to submit monthly EQRS Clinical Data on these patients.

**Question 12:** Who can I contact for questions about the Admission in Support of Transplant reporting feature?

**Answer:** Facilities can submit reporting related questions about the Admission in Support of Transplant feature through the QualityNet Question and Answer tool:

[https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/qnet\\_qa?id=ask\\_a\\_question](https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/qnet_qa?id=ask_a_question). For technical issues with entering Admission in Support of Transplant information in EQRS, facilities can contact the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ) Service Center. The CCSQ Service Center is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time and can be reached via phone at: (866) 288-8912, via email at: [gnetsupport-esrd@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:gnetsupport-esrd@cms.hhs.gov), or by going to [CCSQ Support Central](#).