

I am New to ESRD:
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It is a document confirming that you are a patient with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) on chronic dialysis and adds you to a national ESRD registry.

When is this form done?

When you have a confirmed diagnosis of ESRD and receive chronic dialysis treatment(s) or first kidney transplant.

How long does my dialysis center or transplant hospital have to complete this form?

1. 45 days from my first chronic outpatient dialysis treatment
OR
2. 45 days from the date of my transplant if I was not on dialysis

Why should I sign my CMS 2728 form?

1. Signing the form establishes your first date of chronic dialysis
 - a. Starts the clock for you to claim ESRD Medicare benefits
 - b. Starts the wait time for transplant
2. A signed form is
 - a. Used in applying for Social Security Disability along with other documents; and
 - b. Needed when you travel or transfer to other dialysis units