

D-Notes from Network #15

Important September Dates:

- 10th – PAR Due
- 29th and 30th - TOPIC Call: *The Dark Side of the PAR* (details will be sent closer to those dates)

Finally!!

Good news! There now exists an electronic version of the CMS-2728 that contains a “0-6 months” checkbox for questions 18 a-c. This form may be downloaded from our website at www.esrdnet15.org/data.htm#2728. Unfortunately, the bad news is that CMS has recently shipped out new paper versions of the 2728 Form that do NOT contain the 0-6 months choice; even worse, these forms contain errors in the formatting of questions 22 – 25. At this time we encourage everyone to download and use the newest, correct version of the 2728--just be sure to have the doctor and patient sign this non-triplicate version of the 2728 in **BLUE INK**. The signed form showing the blue ink goes to Social security and you may fax a copy of the 2728 to Network #15 at 303-860-8392. Details about the specific errors on the paper 2728 can be found at: www.esrdnet15.org/data.htm#2728errors.

Get Your Popcorn Ready

If you haven't yet, Network #15 invites you to sit back, relax, and enjoy three new WebEx's posted on our website. The first provides an overview of Network #15, the second covers the Patient Activity Report (PAR), and the third discusses 2728 and 2746 Forms with a focus on Compliance. Each WebEx is approximately 20 minutes long and is posted on our website at www.esrdnet15.org/newdialysis.htm next to the “Third” diamond.

Tip of the Month: Code “104” is A-OK on the 2746 Form

If a patient's cause of death is “Withdrew from Dialysis”, code “104” **IS** the correct choice. We know that the instructions on the 2746 seem to indicate otherwise – but the instructions should read, “Withdrew from dialysis may **not** be reported using Code 98 – Other.”

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