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On behalf of Mayo Clinic, thank you for the opportunity to share our comments regarding the proposed information collection for End Stage Renal Disease Death Notification, specifically the ESRD Death Notification form (CMS-2746) required to be completed by all Medicare-approved ESRD facilities upon the death of an ESRD patient.

For over 150 years, Mayo Clinic has been committed to our mission of putting the needs of the patient first. Mayo Clinic provides care for approximately 1.3 million patients, from nearly 130 countries every year. Patients come to Mayo Clinic to receive the highest quality care at sites in Minnesota, Arizona, Florida and Wisconsin. As the largest integrated, not-for-profit medical group practice in the world, Mayo Clinic is dedicated to finding answers for patients through medical care, research and education. Mayo Clinic brings together teams of specialists with a relentless and unwavering commitment to excellence. In addition, the Mayo Clinic Care Network is an affiliation of more than 40 independent organizations located across the country and world where local providers work with Mayo Clinic through technology and physician-to-physician collaboration to deliver a full spectrum of medical expertise to patients at the local level. This collaboration continues Mayo Clinic's rich history of solving the most serious and complex medical challenges – one patient at a time. Mayo Clinic is proud to be top-ranked for quality more often than any other healthcare organization and has more top-ranked specialties than any other U.S. hospital. U.S. News & World Report has included Mayo Clinic in Rochester on its hospital Honor Roll since its first publication in 1990.

4. Type of Information Collection Request: Reinstatement of a previously approved collection; Title of Information Collection: End Stage Renal Disease Death Notification; Use: The ESRD Death Notification form (CMS– 2746) is completed by all Medicare approved ESRD facilities upon death of an ESRD patient.

Mayo Clinic requests the ESRD Death Notification form allow the description of the Cause of Death, next to the code number in field 11. Since the forms are part of the patient's medical record and may be reviewed often, not all who review patient's medical records professionally are familiar with the cause of death codes. If the description is added to the form, facilities will gain efficiency through a reduction in effort required to search paperwork and crosswalks for code identification.

In addition, we request the Cause of Renal Failure on the CMS 2728 Form, field 14 include a description for easier access. Although the form(s) may have each of these fields indicated and listed on the "back of form", each of these forms is generated electronically in the End Stage Renal Disease Quality Reporting System (EQRS) and neither of these generated forms includes an additional page with the codes and definitions. The additional pages are available from CMS, but they are not currently attached to the forms that are created, submitted, and scanned into the patient's electronic medical record.

Conclusion

Mayo Clinic is honored to care for more than one million patients each year and has long served as a strong voice for patients in improving the healthcare system. We applaud CMS's continued dedication to the delivery of high-quality care and improving health equity. For more information, please feel free to reach out to me or Sarah Meier, Director of Payment and