Vascular Access for Patients Undergoing Hemodialysis

This measure is to be reported for all patients aged 18 years and older with end stage renal disease (ESRD) receiving hemodialysis — a minimum of **once** per reporting period.

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of end stage renal disease (ESRD) and receiving hemodialysis who have a functioning AV fistula OR patients who are referred for an AV fistula at least once during the 12-month reporting period

What will you need to report for each patient with ESRD receiving hemodialysis for this measure?

If you select this measure for reporting, you will report:

- The type of vascular access for every patient receiving hemodialysis:
 - Hemodialysis via functioning AV fistula
 - Hemodialysis via fuctioning AV graft
 - Hemodialysis via catheter

If the patient is receiving hemodialysis via a catheter, you will then need to report:

■ Whether or not you referred the patient for an AV fistula

What if this process or outcome of care is not appropriate for your patient?

There may be times when it is not appropriate to refer a patient for AV fistula, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, not indicated, contraindicated, other medical reason) OR
- Patient reasons (eg, patient declined, economic, social, religious, other patient reason)

In these cases, you will need to indicate which reason applies, and specify the reason on the worksheet and in the medical chart. The office/billing staff will then report a code with a modifier that represents these valid reasons (also called exclusions).

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PQRI Data Collection Sheet

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Patient's Name Practice Medical Record Number (MRN)			Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy) Gender
National Provider Identifier (NPI)			Date of Service
Clinical Information			Billing Information
Step 1 Is patient eligible for this measure?			
	Yes	No	Code Required on Claim Form
Patient is aged 18 years and older.			Verify date of birth on claim form.
Patient has a diagnosis of end stage renal disease (ESRD).			Refer to coding specifications document for list of applicable codes.
There is a CPT Procedure Code or G-Code for hemodialysis.			
If No is checked for any of the above, STOP. Do not report a CPT category II code.			
Step 2 Does patient also have the other requirements for this measure?			
	Yes	No	Code to be Reported on Line 24D of Paper Claim Form (or Service Line 24 of Electronic Claim Form)
Is patient receiving hemodialysis via catheter?			If No (ie, patient receiving hemodialysis via a functioning arterio-venous (AV) fistula), report only 4052F and STOP.
			If No (ie, patient receiving hemodialysis via a functioning arterio-venous (AV) graft), report only 4053F and STOP.
			If Yes, report 4054F and proceed to Step 3.
Step 3 Does patient meet or have an accepta for not meeting the measure?	ble reas	son	
Referral for AV Fistula	Yes	No	Code to be Reported on Line 24D of Paper Claim Form, if <i>Yes</i> (or Service Line 24 of Electronic Claim Form)
Received			4051F
Not received for one of the following reasons:			
 Medical (eg, not indicated, contraindicated, other medical reason) 			4051F–1P
 Patient (eg, patient declined, economic, social, religious, other patient reason) 			4051F–2P
Document reason here and in medical chart.			If No is checked for all of the above, report 4051F–8P (Patient was not referred for an AV fistula, reason not otherwise specified.)

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Coding Specifications

Codes required to document patient has end stage renal disease (ESRD) and is receiving hemodialysis:

An ICD-9 diagnosis code for ESRD and a CPT procedure code or G-code for hemodialysis are required to identify patients to be included in this measure.

ESRD ICD-9 diagnosis codes

■ 585.6 (ESRD)

AND

CPT procedure codes OR G-Codes

 90935, 90937, G0314, G0315, G0316, G0317, G0318, G0319 (hemodialysis) Quality codes for this measure (at least one of the following for every eligible patient):

CPT II Code descriptors

(Data Collection sheet should be used to determine appropriate combination of codes.)

- CPT II 4054F: Hemodialysis via catheter
- *CPT II 4052F:* Hemodialysis via functioning arterio-venous (AV) fistula
- *CPT II 4053F:* Hemodialysis via functioning arterio-venous (AV) graft
- CPT II 4051F: Referred for an arterio-venous (AV) fistula
- CPT II 4051F-1P: Documentation of medical reason(s) for not referring for an AV fistula (e.g., documentation of a functioning AV graft)
- *CPT II 4051F-2P*: Documentation of patient reason(s) for not referring for an AV fistula
- *CPT II 4051F-8P*: Patient was not referred for an AV fistula, reason not otherwise specified

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