

Plan of Care — Elevated Hemoglobin for Patients Receiving Erythropoiesis-Stimulating Agents (ESA)

*This measure is to be reported for all patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of advanced CKD (stage 4 or 5, not receiving renal replacement therapy [RRT]) — a minimum of **once per calendar month**. It is anticipated that clinicians providing care for patients with advanced CKD will submit this measure.*

Measure description

Percentage of calendar months during the 12-month reporting period in which patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of advanced CKD (stage 4 or 5, not receiving renal replacement therapy [RRT]), receiving ESA therapy¹, have a hemoglobin < 13 g/dL OR patients whose hemoglobin is ≥ 13 g/dL and have a documented plan of care²

What will you need to report for each patient with advanced CKD (stage 4 or 5, not receiving RRT) for this measure?

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

- Whether or not the patient is receiving ESA therapy¹

If the patient is receiving ESA therapy¹, you will then need to report:

- A hemoglobin level for each patient with CKD receiving ESA therapy, once per calendar month:
 - Hemoglobin level ≥ 13 g/dL
 - Hemoglobin level between 11 g/dL and 12.9 g/dL
 - Hemoglobin level < 11 g/dL

If the hemoglobin level is greater than or equal to 13 g/dL, you will then need to report:

- Whether or not you documented a plan of care² for elevated hemoglobin level

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

Some measures provide an opportunity for the physician or eligible health professional to document when a process or outcome of care is not appropriate for a given patient (also called performance exclusions). Because this measure is applicable to most if not all patients, there are no allowable performance exclusions.

¹Erythropoiesis-Stimulating Agents (ESA) — includes epoetin and darbepoetin

²A documented plan of care should include reducing the ESA dose and repeating hemoglobin at a specified future date.