

### Influenza Immunization

*This measure is to be reported a minimum of **once** for visits occurring between January 1, 2011 and February 28, 2011 for the 2010–2011 influenza season **AND** a minimum of **once** for visits occurring between October 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011 for the 2011–2012 influenza season for pediatric ESRD patients seen during the reporting period. This measure is intended to determine whether or not pediatric ESRD patients received an influenza immunization during the flu season. It is anticipated that clinicians providing care for patients with pediatric ESRD will submit this measure.*

#### Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 6 months through 17 years with a diagnosis of ESRD and receiving dialysis seen for a visit between October 1 and February 28 who received an influenza immunization during the visit OR patient reported previous receipt of an influenza immunization

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

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

- Whether or not you ordered or administered the influenza immunization during the flu season (October through February)

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

There may be times when it is not appropriate to order or administer the influenza immunization, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, patient allergy, other contraindication)
- Patient reasons (eg, patient/caregiver declined)
- System reasons (eg, vaccine not available)

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).

<sup>1</sup>Children with renal disease should receive the inactivated flu vaccine.