Influenza Immunization in Patients with ESRD

*This measure is to be reported for all patients aged 18 years and older with end stage renal disease (ESRD) receiving dialysis — a minimum of **once** per reporting period. It is anticipated that clinicians providing care for patients with ESRD will submit this measure.*

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older 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 and receiving dialysis 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 visit between October 1 and February 28; OR
- Patient reported previous receipt[1] of influenza immunization

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 during the flu season, due to:

- Documented reasons (eg, patient was not an eligible candidate for influenza immunization)

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).

Note: This measure is to be reported a minimum of once for visits occuring 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 21, 2011 for the 2011–2012 influenza season for ESRD patients receiving dialysis.

[1]Previous receipt — May include receipt of influenza immunization from another provider OR receipt of influenza immunization from same provider during a visit prior to October 1