

### Referral for Arteriovenous (AV) Fistula

*This measure is to be reported for all patients aged 18 years and older with advanced CKD (stage 4 or 5, not receiving renal replacement therapy [RRT]) — a minimum of **once** per reporting period.*

#### Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with the diagnosis of advanced CKD (stage 4 or 5, not receiving Renal Replacement Therapy [RRT]), who were referred for AV fistula at least once during the 12-month reporting period

#### 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 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 the patient for an 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).