

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Measures Group

This measures group is to be reported for patients aged 18 years and older with CKD receiving office or other outpatient services or office consultations.

You will need to report G-code G8487 once to indicate your intent to report on the CKD Measures Group. Once you have reported the G-code, you should begin reporting using one of the patient sample methods listed below.

The following 2009 PQRI measures are included in the CKD Measures Group:

#121. Laboratory Testing (Calcium, Phosphorus, Intact Parathyroid Hormone (iPTH) and Lipid Profile)

Measure Description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of advanced CKD (stage 4 or 5, not receiving Renal Replacement Therapy [RRT]), who had the following laboratory testing ordered at least once during the 12-month reporting period: serum levels of calcium, phosphorus and intact PTH, and lipid profile

#122. Blood Pressure Management

Measure Description

Percentage of patient visits for patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of advanced CKD (stage 4 or 5, not receiving Renal Replacement Therapy [RRT]), with a blood pressure < 130/80 mmHg OR blood pressure ≥ 130/80 mmHg with a documented plan of care

#123. Plan of Care: Elevated Hemoglobin for Patients Receiving Erythropoiesis – Stimulating Agents (ESA)

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 therapy, have a hemoglobin < 13 g/dL OR patients whose hemoglobin is ≥ 13 g/dL and have a documented plan of care

#135. Influenza Immunization

Measure Description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of advanced CKD (stage 4 or 5, not receiving Renal Replacement Therapy [RRT]) who received the influenza immunization during the flu season (September through February)

#153. Referral for Arteriovenous (AV) Fistula

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

This measures group can be reported by one of the following patient sample methods:

- **Consecutive Patient Sample Method** — 30 consecutive patients meeting patient sample criteria for the measures group.
- **80% Patient Sample Method** — All patients meeting patient sample criteria for the measures group during the entire reporting period (January 1 through December 31, 2009 OR July 1 through December 31, 2009). For the 12-month reporting period, a minimum of 30 patients must meet the measures group patient sample criteria to successfully report. For the six-month reporting period, a minimum of 15 patients must meet the measures group patient sample criteria to successfully report.

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