

Influenza Immunization

*This measure is to be reported for all patients aged 6 months through 17 years with end stage renal disease (ESRD) receiving dialysis — a minimum of **once** for visits occurring between January 1, 2010 and February 15, 2010 for the 2009–2010 influenza season **AND** a minimum of **once** for visits occurring between November 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010 for the 2010–2011 influenza season for ESRD patients receiving dialysis seen during the reporting period.*

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 6 months through 17 years with a diagnosis of ESRD and receiving dialysis seen for a visit between November 1 and February 15 who have documented administration of influenza immunization OR patient reported receipt of an influenza immunization from another provider

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 immunization¹ OR patient reported receipt of an influenza immunization from another provider for visits occurring between January 1, 2009 and February 15, 2009 OR November 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009

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).

¹Children with renal disease should receive the inactivated flu vaccine.