

### Influenza Immunization in Patients with ESRD

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*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.*

#### Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of ESRD and receiving dialysis who received the influenza immunization during the flu season (September through February)

#### 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 flu season (September 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 during the flu season, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, not indicated, contraindicated, other medical reason) OR
- Patient reasons (eg, patient declined, economic, social, religious, other patient reason) OR
- System reasons (eg, resources to perform the services not available, insurance coverage/payer-related limitations, or other reason attributable to health care delivery system)

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).