



Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Incentive Program (QIP)
Payment Year (PY) 2024 Proposed Measure Technical Specifications

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Rule of Record: CY 2019 ESRD PPS Proposed Rule

Standardized First Kidney Transplant Waitlist Ratio for Incident Dialysis Patients (SWR) (Clinical Measure)

Domain – *Care Coordination*
Higher rate desired

Measure Description

The SWR tracks the number of incident patients at the dialysis facility under the age of 75 listed on the kidney or kidney-pancreas transplant waitlist, or who received living donor transplants within the first year of initiating dialysis. The SWR is a ratio of the actual number of observed transplant waitlisting or receipt of a living-donor transplant, to the number of expected waitlisting or living donor transplant events.

Measure Type

Process.

Numerator Statement

Number of patients at the dialysis facility listed on the kidney or kidney-pancreas transplant waitlist or who received living donor transplants within the first year following dialysis initiation.

Denominator Statement

Number of expected events (waitlistings or living-donor transplants) at the facility.

Exclusions

Patient-Level Exclusions

1. Patients at the facility ≥ 75 years old at dialysis initiation.
2. Patients at the facility listed on the kidney or kidney-pancreas transplant waitlist prior to dialysis initiation.
3. Patients admitted to a skilled nursing facility (SNF) or hospice at the time of dialysis initiation.
4. Patients admitted to SNF at incidence or previously were excluded, according to Question 17u and 22 on the CMS Medical Evidence Form.

Minimum Data Requirements

Facilities with at least 11 patients and at least 2 expected events during the performance period.



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Data Source(s)

CROWNWeb (including CMS Medical Evidence Form and Medicare dialysis claims), CMS data sources, OPTN, CMS Long Term Care Minimum Data Set (MDS), Medicare hospice claims data.

Additional Information

1. Data currently aggregated across three years due to low number of event rates.