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.
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.