

Proposed PY 2017 Clinical Measure

Vascular Access Type: AV Fistula

Hemodialysis Vascular Access – Maximizing Placement of Arterial Venous Fistula Higher rate desired

Measure Description	Percentage of patient-months on hemodialysis during the last hemodialysis treatment of the month using an autogenous AV fistula with two needles. NQF#0257
Numerator	Patient-months in the denominator where an autogenous AV fistula with two needles was the means of access.
Denominator	Number of Medicare patient-months at the facility during the measurement period. Exclusions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Patients younger than 18 2. Peritoneal patients 3. Claims with both a fistula and graft reported 4. Claims with fistula, graft, and catheter reported 5. Patients not on chronic dialysis as defined by a completed 2728 form, a REMIS/CROWNWeb record, or a sufficient amount of dialysis reported on dialysis facility claims
Minimum Claims	4 months
Data Source(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medicare Claims 2. REMIS, CROWNWeb, and other CMS ESRD administrative data (form 2728 to obtain the diagnosis date of ESRD and date of birth)
Additional Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If claim indicates fistula and catheter, then only the fistula is counted. 2. Last claim of the month used for calculation.