

Proposed PY 2018 Clinical Measure

Vascular Access Type: Catheter \geq 90 Days

Hemodialysis Vascular Access – Minimizing Use of Catheters as Chronic Dialysis Access Lower rate desired

Measure Description	Percentage of patient-months for patients on hemodialysis during the last hemodialysis treatment of month with a catheter continuously for 90 days or longer prior to the last hemodialysis session. NQF#0256
Numerator	Patient-months in the denominator for patients continuously using a catheter for hemodialysis access for 90 days or longer prior to the last hemodialysis treatment during the month.
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 years and 3 months 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 consecutive 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. If a claim indicates catheter and graft, then only the graft is counted. 3. Measure uses data prior to performance or comparison period (e.g., October – December 2015 for the performance period) to determine catheter history. 4. Last claim of the month used for calculation.