

Alameda Alliance Wellness Measure Tip Sheet



Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes (KED)

This tip sheet is part of the *Alliance Medicare Stars Guide: A Resource for Providers and Clinic Staff*. This tip sheet provides measure-specific guidance, coding tips, and documentation strategies to help clinical teams close care gaps and improve performance on HEDIS® measures tied to Medicare Star Ratings.

For questions or more information, please email the Alliance Stars Team at DeptStarsTeam@alamedaalliance.org.

Data Collection Methodology: Administrative

Measure Description: The percentage of diabetic members who received a kidney health evaluation.

Measure Population (denominator): Members 18-85 years old with diabetes (type 1 or type 2).

Measure Compliance (numerator): Diabetic members who received both of the following during the measurement year:

- Serum estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR)
- Urine albumin creatinine ratio (uACR) identified by either of the following:
 - o A quantitative urine albumin test and a urine creatinine test from the same urine sample, or
 - o Urine albumin creatinine ratio test (uACR)

Coding Tip: Codes are submitted by the lab company.

Exclusions:

- Members 66-80 years of age with advanced illness and frailty or 81 years of age and older with frailty.
- Members who died at any time during the measurement year.
- Members who use hospice or palliative services at any time during the measurement year.
- Members with ESRD or dialysis at any time during their history.

How to Improve Your Stars Performance

- Ensure that labs are ordered annually, preferably at the beginning of the year to allow time for necessary follow-up and completion.
- Coordinate care with specialists such as an endocrinologist or nephrologist as needed.
- Make every visit count by utilizing monthly gap-in-care reports to identify patients who are due for eGFR and uACR.
- Build preventative care screening alerts in your EHR system.