



NETWORK *Notification*

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To: Ohio Medicaid Providers
From: CareSource
Subject: HEDIS Spotlight: Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes (KED)

Summary

The Kidney Health Evaluation (KED) HEDIS measure focuses on improving kidney disease testing for adults with diabetes. It tracks the percentage of adults aged 18-85 with diabetes who receive an annual kidney health evaluation. This measure aims to identify chronic kidney disease (CKD) early and ensure timely treatment, which may include additional testing, lifestyle changes, medication, and referrals to specialists.

Impact

All patients diagnosed with diabetes (Type 1 & 2) should complete the following labs annually.

- Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate (eGFR): Assesses kidney function.
- Urine Albumin-Creatinine Ratio (uACR): Assesses kidney damage.
 - uACR; both quantitative urine albumin test and urine creatinine test with service dates four or less days apart.
- Exclusion: ESRD or dialysis at any time during patient's history.

Clinical guidelines for chronic kidney disease include the quantitative value from a blood test and a quantitative value from a urine test and assigns the patient to one of six risk categories. A patient's risk category helps determine the best treatment options and most effective care. **To get this score, you must have a quantitative value for both blood and urine tests.**

Importance

Diabetes is the leading cause of CKD —approximately 1 in 3 adults with diabetes has CKD. CKD gets worse over time and can lead to heart disease, stroke, and kidney failure. For these reasons, annual monitoring of kidney health is crucial for people with diabetes. Primary detection (kidney health evaluation) and management of kidney disease can prevent these complications and can stop or slow further kidney damage.

Questions?

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