

# HEDIS measure spotlight

## Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes (KED)

**Measure description:** Percentage of patients 18-85 years of age with diabetes (type 1 and 2) who received a kidney health evaluation.

### Numerator compliance

Diabetic patients who received **both** of the following during the measurement year:

- At least one serum estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR)
- A urine albumin creatinine ratio (uACR) identified by either of the following:
  - A uACR **or**
  - Both a quantitative uACR **and** a urine creatinine test **with** service dates four days or less apart

### Diabetes management and care

To help close care gaps and align with HEDIS measure requirements, closely monitor your diabetic patients':

- Hemoglobin A1c
- Retinal health
- Blood pressure
- Kidney function - *testing now includes **both** blood work and a urine test*

### Why it matters

Clinical practice guidelines from the American Diabetes Association recommend annual kidney disease screenings for patients with diabetes using an eGFR and a uACR. These tests offer a holistic view of kidney health for your diabetic patients and can help to prevent or manage chronic kidney disease (CKD) and other life-threatening complications.



**We're partnering with you to help you close care gaps with your patients through:**

- Phone calls to patients to remind them to complete diabetes-related health checks, including eye exams, labs and blood pressure
- Phone calls to educate patients on the importance of medication adherence

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### Measure best practices

- Discuss the importance of annual kidney health evaluations with patients and the need for regular diabetes care testing.
- Remind patients that early-stage kidney disease is asymptomatic and regular testing could help prevent life-threatening complications.
- Ensure **both** an eGFR and uACR are completed during the measurement year.
- Request your patients complete labs prior to their appointment.
- Review services needed at each visit.
- Educate patients on the importance of medication adherence and routine screenings.
- Educate patients on the impact diabetes has on kidney health and recommend strategies to help lower the risk of kidney damage; including controlling blood pressure and blood sugar.
- Refer patients to Priority Health care management for additional support.
- Be sure to bill codes 82043 and 82570 when ordering a urine test and that both the albumin and creatinine values are being measured and reported.
- Confirm you're performing the correct type of urine albumin test when using an in-office analyzer. Some analyzers only measure semi-quantitative urine albumin – these tests require a different CPT code and won't close this measure.



**UPDATE:**  
HEDIS measure changes to improve kidney testing in people with diabetes

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) has retired the Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC) Monitoring for Nephropathy measure because it didn't align with clinical practice guidelines recommendations and replaced it with Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes (KED). Nephropathy screening or monitoring tests no longer meet HEDIS compliance.

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### Billing codes

To close care gaps and increase your PIP earnings, use complete and accurate billing codes when you submit claims or laboratory orders. **Note: This measure can only be closed through claims.**

Blood Test	AND	Urine Test (must include both quantitative albumin and urine creatinine)		
Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate (eGFR) lab test		<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 2</b>	
<b>CPT</b> 80047, 80048, 80050, 80053, 80069, 82565  <b>LOINC</b> 50044-7, 50210-4, 50384-7, 62238-1, 69405-9, 70969-1, 77147-7, 94677-2, 98979-8, 98980-6  <b>SNOWMED</b> 12341000, 18207002, 241373003, 444275009, 444336003, 446913004, 706951006, 763355007		<b>Urine albumin creatinine ratio lab test (uACR)</b>  <b>LOINC</b> 13705-9, 14958-3, 14959-1, 30000-4, 44292-1, 59159-4, 76401-9, 77253-3, 77254-1, 89998-9, 9318-7	<b>Quantitative urine albumin lab test</b>  <b>CPT</b> 82043  <b>LOINC</b> 100158-5, 14957-5, 1754-1, 21059-1, 30003-8, 43605-5, 53530-2, 53531-0, 57369-1, 89999-7  <b>SNOWMED</b> 104486009, 104819000	<b>Urine creatinine lab test</b>  <b>CPT</b> 82570  <b>LOINC</b> 20624-3, 2161-8, 35674-1, 39982-4, 57344-4, 57346-9, 58951-5  <b>SNOWMED</b> 8879006, 36793009, 271260009, 444322008
		<b>If submitting two urine tests:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One must be quantitative urine albumin lab test</li> <li>• The other must be urine creatinine lab test</li> <li>• The two test dates must be in the measurement year <b>and</b> the test dates must be within four days of each other</li> </ul>		

### Provider resources

- Find more information on the KED measure in our [HEDIS Provider Reference Guide](#)
- Explore the newest resources on promoting a healthy lifestyle for your patients with diabetes from the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes – [KnowDiabetesbyHeart](#)
- Improve the quality of kidney care with The National Committee for Quality Assurance’s (NCQA) [Kidney Health Toolkit](#)

### Patient resources

- Patient resources from the National Kidney Foundation:
- [Kidney health education resources](#)
  - [A free kidney health risk test](#)
  - [Diabetes prevention and healthy living programs](#)