Domain: Effective Clinical Care

2016 PQRS OPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL MEASURES:
REGISTRY ONLY

DESCRIPTION:
The percentage of patients 18-75 years of age with diabetes who had a nephropathy screening test or evidence of nephropathy during the measurement period

INSTRUCTIONS:
This measure is to be reported a minimum of **once per reporting period** for all patients with diabetes mellitus seen during the reporting period. This measure may be reported by clinicians who perform the quality actions described in the measure based on the services provided and the measure-specific denominator coding.

Measure Reporting via Registry:
ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes, CPT or HCPCS codes, and patient demographics are used to identify patients who are included in the measure’s denominator. The listed numerator options are used to report the numerator of the measure.

The quality-data codes listed do not need to be submitted for registry-based submissions; however, these codes may be submitted for those registries that utilize claims data. There are no allowable performance exclusions for this measure.

DENOMINATOR:
Patients 18 through 75 years of age who had a diagnosis of diabetes with a visit during the measurement period

**Denominator Criteria (Eligible Cases):**
Patients aged 18 years through 75 years on date of encounter

AND

AND
Patient encounter during the reporting period (CPT or HCPCS): 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, G0402, G0438, G0439

NUMERATOR:
Patients with a screening for nephropathy or evidence of nephropathy during the measurement period
Numerator Instructions: This measure is looking for a nephropathy screening test or evidence of nephropathy.

Numerator Options:  

Performance Met:  
Positive microalbuminuria test result documented and reviewed (3060F)

OR

Performance Met:  
Negative microalbuminuria test result documented and reviewed (3061F)

OR

Performance Met:  
Positive macroalbuminuria test result documented and reviewed (3062F)

OR

Performance Met:  
Documentation of treatment for nephropathy (eg, patient receiving dialysis, patient being treated for ESRD, CRF, ARF, or renal insufficiency, any visit to a nephrologist) (3066F)

OR

Performance Not Met:  
Patient receiving angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor or angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) therapy (G8506)

OR

Performance Not Met:  
Nephropathy screening was not performed, reason not otherwise specified (3060F or 3061F or 3062F with 8P)

Rationale:
Diabetes mellitus (diabetes) is a group of diseases characterized by high blood glucose levels caused by the body's inability to correctly produce or utilize the hormone insulin (National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases 2011). It is recognized as a leading cause of death and disability in the U.S. and is highly underreported as a cause of death (National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases 2011). Diabetes may cause life-threatening, life-ending or life-altering complications, including end-stage kidney disease. Diabetes is the primary cause of kidney failure, accounting for 44 percent of newly diagnosed cases in 2005 (National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases 2011). Clinical guidelines recommend regular testing to evaluate urine albumin excretions and serum creatinine and the estimated glomerular filtration rate derived from serum creatinine, in addition to comparing measurements when screening for chronic kidney disease (American Diabetes Association 2009; American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists 2007).

Clinical recommendation statements:  
American Diabetes Association (2009):

- Perform an annual test to assess urine albumin excretion in type 1 diabetic patients with diabetes duration of >=5 years and in all type 2 diabetic patients, starting at diagnosis. (Level of Evidence E)
- Measure serum creatinine at least annually in all adults with diabetes regardless of the degree of urine albumin excretion. The serum creatinine should be used to estimate GFR and stage the level of chronic kidney disease (CKD), if present. (Level of Evidence E)
- In the treatment of the nonpregnant patient with micro- or macroalbuminuria, either ACE inhibitors or ARBs should be used. (Level of Evidence A)

American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (2007): Screen all patients with diabetes mellitus for chronic kidney disease annually; screening should begin 5 years after diagnosis in patients with Type 1 diabetes mellitus (T1DM) and at the time of diagnosis in patients with Type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM). Testing includes:
- Measurement of albumin-to-creatinine ratio in a spot urine specimen and measurement of the estimated glomerular filtration rate derived from serum creatinine
- The following are diagnostic criteria for chronic kidney disease:
  - Estimated glomerular filtration rate <60 mL/min/1.73 m² or albumin-to-creatinine ratio >=30 mg albumin/g creatinine
  - Microalbuminuria >=30 mg albumin/g creatinine
  - Macroalbuminuria >=300 mg albumin/g creatinine (Grade A)
  - Prescribe an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor or an angiotensin receptor blocker in the antihypertensive regimen in the absence of contraindications. (Grade A)

California Healthcare Foundation/American Geriatrics Society (2003): A test for the presence of microalbumin should be performed at diagnosis in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus. After the initial screening and in the absence of previously demonstrated macro- or microalbuminuria, a test for the presence of microalbumin should be performed annually. (Level III, Grade A)

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PQRS #119 NQF #0062: Diabetes: Medical Attention for Neuropathy

Denominator

Start

Patient Age at Date of Service
18 thru 75 Years.

No

Yes

Diagnosis of Diabetes as Listed in Denominator*

No

Yes

Encounter as Listed in Denominator* (1/1/2016 thru 12/31/2016)

No

Yes

Include in Eligible Population/Denominator (8 patients) d

Numerator

Positive Microalbuminuria Test Result Documented and Reviewed

Yes

No

Negative Microalbuminuria Test Result Documented and Reviewed

Yes

No

Positive Macroalbuminuria Test Result Documented and Reviewed

Yes

No

Documentation of Treatment for Nephropathy

Yes

No

Patient Receiving ACE Inhibitor or ARB Therapy

Yes

No

Nephropathy Screening Not Performed, Reason Not Otherwise Specified

Yes

No

Reporting Not Met
Quality-Data Code or equivalent not reported (1 patient)

Reporting Met + Performance Met
3060F or equivalent (1 patient)
a

Reporting Met + Performance Met
3061F or equivalent (1 patient)
a

Reporting Met + Performance Met
3060F or equivalent (1 patient)
a

Reporting Met + Performance Met
3066F or equivalent (1 patient) a

Reporting Met + Performance Met
G8506 or equivalent (0 patients) a

Reporting Met + Performance Not Met
3063F-8P or 3061F-8P or 3082F-8P or equivalent (3 patients) c

SAMPLE CALCULATIONS:

Reporting Rate:
Performance Met (a+b+c+d+e+f+g+h+i+4 patients) + Performance Not Met (c=3 patients)
Eligible Population / Denominator (d=8 patients) =

7 patients = 87.50%
8 patients

Performance Rate:
Performance Met (a=4 patients) =
Reporting Numerator (7 patients) =
4 patients = 57.14%
7 patients

*See the posted Measure Specification for specific coding and instructions to report this measure.

NOTE: Reporting Frequency: Patient-process

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Please refer to the specific section of the Measure Specification to identify the denominator and numerator information for use in reporting this Individual Measure.

1. Start with Denominator

2. Check Patient Age:
   a. If Age equal to 18 thru 75 years of age on Date of Service equals No during the measurement period, do not include in Eligible Patient Population. Stop Processing.
   b. If Age equal to 18 thru 75 years of age on Date of Service equals Yes during the measurement period, proceed to check Patient Diagnosis.

3. Check Patient Diagnosis:
   a. If Diagnosis of Diabetes as Listed in the Denominator equals No, do not include in Eligible Patient Population. Stop Processing.
   b. If Diagnosis of Diabetes as Listed in the Denominator equals Yes, proceed to check Encounter Performed.

4. Check Encounter Performed:
   a. If Encounter as Listed in the Denominator equals No, do not include in Eligible Patient Population. Stop Processing.
   b. If Encounter as Listed in the Denominator equals Yes, include in the Eligible population.

5. Denominator Population:
   a. Denominator population is all Eligible Patients in the denominator. Denominator is represented as Denominator in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter d equals 8 patients in the sample calculation.

6. Start Numerator

7. Check Positive Microalbuminuria Test Result Documented and Reviewed:
   a. If Microalbuminuria Test Result Documented and Reviewed equals Yes, include in Reporting Met and Performance Met.
   b. Reporting Met and Performance Met letter is represented in the Reporting Rate and Performance Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter a1 equals 1 patient in Sample Calculation.
   c. If Microalbuminuria Test Result Documented and Reviewed equals No, proceed to Negative Microalbuminuria Test Result Documented and Reviewed.

8. Check Negative Microalbuminuria Test Result Documented and Reviewed:
   a. If Negative Microalbuminuria Test Result Documented and Reviewed equals Yes, include in Reporting Met and Performance Met.
b. Reporting Met and Performance Met letter is represented in the Reporting Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter a2 equals 1 patient in the Sample Calculation.

c. If Negative Microalbuminuria Test Result Documented and Reviewed equals No, proceed to Positive Macroalbuminuria Test Result Documented and Reviewed.

9. Check Positive Macroalbuminuria Test Result Documented and Reviewed:

a. If Positive Macroalbuminuria Test Result Documented and Reviewed equals Yes, include in Reporting Met and Performance Met.

b. Reporting Met and Performance Met letter is represented in the Reporting Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter a3 equals 1 patient in the Sample Calculation.

c. If Positive Macroalbuminuria Test Result Documented and Reviewed equals No, proceed to Documentation of Treatment for Nephropathy.

10. Check Documentation of Treatment for Nephropathy:

a. If Documentation of Treatment for Nephropathy equals Yes, include in the Reporting Met and Performance Met.

b. Reporting Met and Performance Met letter is represented in the Reporting Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter a4 equals 1 patient in the Sample Calculation.

c. If Documentation of Treatment for Nephropathy equals No, proceed to Patient Receiving ACE Inhibitor or ARB Therapy.

11. Check Patient Receiving ACE Inhibitor or ARB Therapy:

a. If Patient Receiving ACE Inhibitor or ARB Therapy equals Yes, include in the Reporting Met and Performance Met.

b. Reporting Met and Performance Met letter is represented in the Reporting Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter a5 equals 0 patients in the Sample Calculation.

c. If Patient Receiving ACE Inhibitor or ARB Therapy equals No, proceed to Nephropathy Screening Not Performed, Reason Not Otherwise Specified.

12. Check Nephropathy Screening Not Performed, Reason Not Otherwise Specified:

a. If Nephropathy Screening Not Performed, Reason Not Otherwise Specified equals Yes, include in the Reporting Met and Performance Not Met.

b. Reporting Met and Performance Not Met letter is represented in the Reporting Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter c equals 3 patients in the Sample Calculation.

c. If Nephropathy Screening Not Performed, Reason Not Otherwise Specified equals No, proceed to Reporting Not Met.

13. Check Reporting Not Met:

a. If Reporting Not Met equals No, Quality Data Code or equivalent not reported. 1 patient has been subtracted from the reporting numerator in the sample calculation.
**SAMPLE CALCULATIONS:**

**Reporting Rate=**

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\frac{\text{Performance Met (a+b+c+d=4 patients)} + \text{Performance Not Met (c=3 patients)}}{\text{Eligible Population / Denominator (d=8 patients)} = \frac{7 \text{ patients}}{8 \text{ patients}}} = 87.50\%
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**Performance Rate=**

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\frac{\text{Performance Met (a+b+c+d=4 patients)}}{\text{Reporting Numerator (7 patients)}} = \frac{4 \text{ patients}}{7 \text{ patients}} = 57.14\%
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