Quality ID #119 (NQF 0062): Diabetes: Medical Attention for Nephropathy
– National Quality Strategy Domain: Effective Clinical Care
– Meaningful Measure Area: Management of Chronic Conditions

2021 COLLECTION TYPE:
MIPS CLINICAL QUALITY MEASURES (CQMS)

MEASURE TYPE:
Process

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 submitted a minimum of once per performance period for all patients with diabetes mellitus seen during the performance period. This measure may be submitted by Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) eligible clinicians who perform the quality actions described in the measure based on the services provided and the measure-specific denominator coding.

NOTE: Patient encounters for this measure conducted via telehealth (e.g., encounters coded with GQ, GT, 95, or POS 02 modifiers) are allowable.

Measure Submission Type:
Measure data may be submitted by individual MIPS eligible clinicians, groups, or third party intermediaries. The listed denominator criteria are used to identify the intended patient population. The numerator options included in this specification are used to submit the quality actions as allowed by the measure. The quality-data codes listed do not need to be submitted by MIPS eligible clinicians, groups, or third party intermediaries that utilize this modality for submissions; however, these codes may be submitted for those third party intermediaries that utilize Medicare Part B claims data. For more information regarding Application Programming Interface (API), please refer to the Quality Payment Program (QPP) website.

DENOMINATOR:
Patients 18 - 75 years of age with diabetes with a visit during the measurement period

DENOMINATOR NOTE: *Signifies that this CPT Category I code is a non-covered service under the Medicare Part B Physician Fee Schedule (PFS). These non-covered services should be counted in the denominator population for MIPS CQMs.

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

AND
Patient encounter during the performance period (CPT or HCPCS): 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, 99385*, 99386*, 99387*, 99395*, 99396*, 99397*, G0438, G0439

AND

DENOMINATOR EXCLUSION:

Patients who use hospice services any time during the measurement period: G9715

OR

Patient age 66 or older in Institutional Special Needs Plans (SNP) or residing in long-term care with POS code 32, 33, 34, 54, or 56 for more than 90 consecutive days during the measurement period: G2108

OR

Patients 66 years of age and older with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND a dispensed medication for dementia during the measurement period or the year prior to the measurement period: G2109

OR

Patients 66 years of age and older with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND either one acute inpatient encounter with a diagnosis of advanced illness or two outpatient, observation, ED or nonacute inpatient encounters on different dates of service with an advanced illness diagnosis during the measurement period or the year prior to the measurement period: G2110

Table: Dementia Exclusion Medications

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<td>Galantamine</td>
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<td>Rivastigmine</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous central nervous system agents</td>
<td>Memantine</td>
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- **Codes to identify Advanced Illness:**
  A81.00, A81.01, A81.09, C25.0, C25.1, C25.2, C25.3, C25.4, C25.7, C25.8, C25.9, C71.0, C71.1, C71.2, C71.3, C71.4, C71.5, C71.6, C71.7, C71.8, C71.9, C77.0, C77.1, C77.2, C77.3, C77.4, C77.5, C77.8, C77.9, C78.00, C78.01, C78.02, C78.1, C78.2, C78.30, C78.39, C78.4, C78.5, C78.6, C78.7, C78.80, C78.89, C79.00, C79.01, C79.02, C79.09, C79.10, C79.11, C79.19, C79.2, C79.31, C79.32, C79.40, C79.49, C79.51, C79.52, C79.60, C79.61, C79.62, C79.70, C79.71, C79.72, C79.81, C79.82, C79.89, C79.9, C91.00, C91.02, C91.09, C91.1, C91.2, C91.3, C91.4, C91.5, C91.6, C91.7, C91.8, C91.9, C92.00, C92.02, C92.09, C92.1, C92.2, C92.3, C92.4, C92.5, C92.60, C92.69, L89.000, L89.001, L89.002, L89.003, L89.004, L89.006, L89.009, L89.010, L89.011, L89.012, L89.013, L89.014, L89.016, L89.019, L89.020, L89.021, L89.022, L89.023, L89.024, L89.026, L89.029, L89.100, L89.101, L89.102, L89.103, L89.104, L89.106, L89.109, L89.110, L89.111, L89.112, L89.113, L89.114, L89.116, L89.119, L89.120, L89.121, L89.122, L89.123, L89.124, L89.126, L89.129, L89.130, L89.131, L89.132, L89.133, L89.134, L89.136, L89.139, L89.140, L89.141, L89.142, L89.143, L89.144, L89.146, L89.149, L89.150, L89.152, L89.153, L89.154, L89.156, L89.159, L89.200, L89.201, L89.202, L89.203, L89.204, L89.206, L89.209, L89.210, L89.211, L89.212, L89.213, L89.214, L89.216, L89.219, L89.220, L89.221, L89.222, L89.223, L89.224, L89.226, L89.229, L89.300, L89.301, L89.302, L89.303, L89.304, L89.306, L89.309, L89.310, L89.311, L89.312, L89.313, L89.314, L89.316, L89.319, L89.320, L89.321, L89.322, L89.323, L89.324, L89.326, L89.329, L89.40, L89.41, L89.42, L89.43, L89.44, L89.45, L89.46, L89.500, L89.501, L89.502, L89.503, L89.504, L89.506, L89.509, L89.510, L89.511, L89.512, L89.513, L89.514, L89.516, L89.519, L89.520, L89.521, L89.522, L89.523, L89.524, L89.526, L89.529, L89.600, L89.601, L89.602, L89.603, L89.604, L89.606, L89.609, L89.610, L89.611, L89.612, L89.613, L89.614, L89.616, L89.619, L89.620, L89.621, L89.622, L89.623, L89.624, L89.626, L89.629, L89.810, L89.811, L89.812, L89.813, L89.814, L89.816, L89.819, L89.890, L89.891, L89.892, L89.893, L89.894, L89.896, L89.899, L89.90, L89.91, L89.92, L89.93, L89.94, L89.95, L89.96, N18.5, N18.6

**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:**

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<th>Performance Met:</th>
<th>Positive microalbuminuria test result documented and reviewed (3060F)</th>
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<td>OR</td>
<td>Positive macroalbuminuria test result documented and reviewed (3061F)</td>
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Performance Met: documentation of treatment for nephropathy (e.g., patient receiving dialysis, patient being treated for ESRD, CRF, ARF, or renal insufficiency, any visit to a nephrologist) (3066F)

Performance Met: Patient receiving angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor or angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) therapy (G8506)

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

RATIONALE:
As the seventh leading cause of death in the U.S., diabetes kills approximately 79,500 people a year and affects more than 30 million Americans (9.4 percent of the U.S. population) (CDC 2017a, 2017b). Diabetes is a long-lasting disease marked by high blood glucose levels, resulting from the body's inability to produce or use insulin properly (CDC, 2019). People with diabetes are at increased risk of serious health complications including vision loss, heart disease, stroke, kidney failure, amputation of toes, feet or legs, and premature death. (At a Glance 2016).

In 2017, diabetes cost the U.S. an estimated $327 billion: $237 billion in direct medical costs and $90 billion in reduced productivity. This is a 34 percent increase from the estimated $245 billion spent on diabetes in 2012 (ADA Economic 2018).

High blood sugar levels in patients with diabetes put them at a higher risk of damaging their kidneys and causing chronic kidney disease, which can lead to kidney failure (CDC, 2016, 2017c). During 2011-2012 there were 36.5% new cases of chronic kidney disease (stages 1-4) among 297,000 diabetic patients 20 years and older (Murphy et al., 2016). In 2014, diabetes accounted for 44% of 118,000 new cases of end stage renal disease (United States Renal Data System, 2016).

CLINICAL RECOMMENDATION STATEMENTS:
American Diabetes Association (2019):

Screening
- At least once a year, assess urinary albumin (e.g., spot urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio [UACR]) and estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) in patients with type 1 diabetes with duration of >=5 years, in all patients with type 2 diabetes, and in all patients with comorbid hypertension. (Level of evidence: B)

Treatment
- An angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor or angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) is not recommended for the primary prevention of diabetic kidney disease in patients with diabetes who have normal blood pressure, normal UACR (<30 mg/g creatinine), and normal estimated glomerular filtration rate. (Level of evidence: B)
- In nonpregnant patients with diabetes and hypertension, either an ACE inhibitor or ARB is recommended for those with modestly elevated UACR (30-299 mg/g creatinine) (Level of evidence: B) and is strongly recommended for those with UACR >=300 mg/g creatinine and/or eGFR < 60 mL/min/1.73.m2. (Level of evidence: A)
- Periodically monitor serum creatinine and potassium levels for the development of increased creatinine or changes in potassium when ACE inhibitors, ARB, or diuretics are used. (Level of evidence: B)
- Continued monitoring of UACR in patients with albuminuria treated with an ACE inhibitor or an ARB is reasonable to assess the response to treatment and progression of chronic kidney disease. (Level of evidence: E)
- When estimated GFR is <60 mL/min/1.73 m2, evaluate and manage potential complications of chronic kidney disease. (Level of evidence: E)
- Patients should be referred for evaluation for renal replacement treatment if they have an estimated GFR<30 mL/min/1.73 m2. (Level of evidence: A)
- Promptly refer to a physician experienced in the care of kidney disease for uncertainty about the etiology of kidney disease, difficult management issues, and rapidly progressing kidney disease. (Level of evidence: B)

American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists & American College of Endocrinology (2015):
- Beginning 5 years after diagnosis in patients with type 1 diabetes (if diagnosed before age 30) or at diagnosis in patients with type 2 diabetes and those with type 1 diabetes diagnosed after age 30, annual assessment of serum creatinine to determine the estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) and urine albumin excretion rate (AER) should be performed to identify, stage, and monitor progression of diabetic nephropathy (Grade C; best evidence level 3).
- Patients with nephropathy should be counseled regarding the need for optimal glycemic control, blood pressure control, dyslipidemia control, and smoking cessation (Grade B; best evidence level 2).
- In addition, they should have routine monitoring of albuminuria, kidney function electrolytes, and lipids (Grade B; best evidence level 2).
- Associated conditions such as anemia and bone and mineral disorders should be assessed as kidney function declines (Grade D; best evidence level 4).
- Referral to a nephrologist is recommended well before the need for renal replacement therapy (Grade D; best evidence level 4).

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2021 Clinical Quality Measure Flow for Quality ID #119 (NQF 0062):
Diabetes: Medical Attention for Nephropathy

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Start

- Patients aged 18 years to 75 years on date of encounter
  - Yes
  - Diagnosis for diabetes as listed in Denominator*
    - Yes
    - Patient encounter during the performance period as listed in Denominator*
      - Yes
      - Patients who use hospice services any time during the measurement period: G9715 or equivalent
        - Yes
        - Include in Eligible Population/Denominator (80 patients)
          - Continue to Numerator
          - Not included in Eligible Population/Denominator
        - No
      - No
    - No
  - No
- No

Not included in Eligible Population/Denominator

Denominator Exclusions

- Yes
- No

Patients aged 66 years or older

- Yes
- No

Continue to Numerator
Positive microalbuminuria test result documented and reviewed

No

Positive macroalbuminuria test result documented and reviewed

No

Negative microalbuminuria test result documented and reviewed

No

Documentation of treatment for nephropathy

No

Patient receiving angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor or angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) therapy

No

Nephropathy screening was not performed, reason not otherwise specified

No

Data Completeness Met + Performance Met 3060F or equivalent (10 patients) a1

Data Completeness Met + Performance Met 3061F or equivalent (10 patients) a2

Data Completeness Met + Performance Met 3062F or equivalent (10 patients) a3

Data Completeness Met + Performance Met 3066F or equivalent (10 patients) a4

Data Completeness Met + Performance Met G8506 or equivalent (0 patients) a5

Data Completeness Not Met Quality Data Code or equivalent was not submitted (10 Patients)
**SAMPLE CALCULATIONS:**

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<td>Data Completeness</td>
<td>Performance Met ($a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 = 40$) + Performance Not Met ($c = 30$) / Eligible Population / Denominator ($d = 80$)</td>
<td>70 patients</td>
<td>80 patients</td>
<td>70 / 80</td>
<td>87.50%</td>
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<td>Performance Rate</td>
<td>Performance Met ($a = 40$) / Data Completeness Numerator ($70$)</td>
<td>40 patients</td>
<td>70 patients</td>
<td>40 / 70</td>
<td>57.14%</td>
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NOTE: Submission Frequency: Patient-Process
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1. Start with Denominator

2. Check Patients aged 18 years to 75 years on date of encounter:
   a. If Patients aged 18 years to 75 years on date of encounter equals No, do not include in Eligible Population/Denominator. Stop processing.
   b. If Patients aged 18 years to 75 years on date of encounter equals Yes, proceed to Diagnosis for diabetes as listed in Denominator*.

3. Check Diagnosis for diabetes as listed in Denominator*:
   a. If Diagnosis for diabetes as listed in Denominator* equals No, do not include in Eligible Population/Denominator. Stop processing.
   b. If Diagnosis for diabetes as listed in Denominator* equals Yes, proceed to Patient encounter during the performance period as listed in Denominator*.

4. Check Patient encounter during the performance period as listed in Denominator*:
   a. If Patient encounter during the performance period as listed in Denominator* equals No, do not include in Eligible Population/Denominator. Stop processing.
   b. If Patient encounter during the performance period as listed in Denominator* equals Yes, proceed to Patients who use hospice services any time during the measurement period.

5. Check Patients who use hospice services any time during the measurement period:
   a. If Patients who use hospice services any time during the measurement period equals Yes, do not include in Eligible Population/Denominator. Stop processing.
   b. If Patients who use hospice services any time during the measurement period equals No, proceed to Patient age greater than or equal to 66 in Institutional Special Needs Plans (SNP) or residing in long-term care with POS code 32, 33, 34, 54, or 56 for more than 90 consecutive days during the measurement period.

6. Check Patient age greater than or equal to 66 in Institutional Special Needs Plans (SNP) or residing in long-term care with POS code 32, 33, 34, 54, or 56 for more than 90 consecutive days during the measurement period:
   a. If Patient age greater than or equal to 66 in Institutional Special Needs Plans (SNP) or residing in long-term care with POS code 32, 33, 34, 54, or 56 for more than 90 consecutive days during the measurement period equals Yes, do not include in Eligible Population/Denominator. Stop processing.
   b. If Patient age greater than or equal to 66 in Institutional Special Needs Plans (SNP) or residing in long-term care with POS code 32, 33, 34, 54, or 56 for more than 90 consecutive days during the measurement period equals No, proceed to Patients age greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period and a dispensed medication for dementia during the measurement period or year prior to measurement period.

7. Check Patients age greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period and a dispensed medication for dementia during the measurement period or year prior to measurement period:
a. If Patients age greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period and a dispensed medication for dementia during the measurement period or year prior to measurement period equals Yes, do not include in Eligible Population/Denominator. Stop processing.

b. If Patients age greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period and a dispensed medication for dementia during the measurement period or year prior to measurement period equals No, proceed to Patients age greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND either one acute inpatient encounter with a diagnosis of advanced illness or two outpatient, observation, ED or nonacute inpatient encounters on different dates of service with an advanced illness diagnosis during the measurement period or the year prior to the measurement period.

8. Check Patients age greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND either one acute inpatient encounter with a diagnosis of advanced illness or two outpatient, observation, ED or nonacute inpatient encounters on different dates of service with an advanced illness diagnosis during the measurement period or the year prior to the measurement period:

a. If Patients age greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND either one acute inpatient encounter with a diagnosis of advanced illness or two outpatient, observation, ED or nonacute inpatient encounters on different dates of service with an advanced illness diagnosis during the measurement period or the year prior to the measurement period equals Yes, do not include in Eligible Population/Denominator. Stop processing.

b. If Patients age greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND either one acute inpatient encounter with a diagnosis of advanced illness or two outpatient, observation, ED or nonacute inpatient encounters on different dates of service with an advanced illness diagnosis during the measurement period or the year prior to the measurement period equals No, include in Eligible Population/Denominator.

9. 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 80 patients in the Sample Calculation.

10. Start Numerator

11. Check Positive microalbuminuria test result documented and reviewed:

a. If Positive microalbuminuria test result documented and reviewed equals Yes, include in Data Completeness Met and Performance Met.

   • Data Completeness Met and Performance Met letter is represented as Data Completeness and Performance Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter a\(^1\) equals 10 patients in the Sample Calculation.

b. If Positive microalbuminuria test result documented and reviewed equals No, proceed to Negative microalbuminuria test result documented and reviewed.

12. Check Negative microalbuminuria test result documented and reviewed:

a. If Negative microalbuminuria test result documented and reviewed equals Yes, include in Data Completeness Met and Performance Met.

   • Data Completeness Met and Performance Met letter is represented as Data Completeness and Performance Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter a\(^2\) equals 10 patients in the Sample Calculation.
b. If Negative microalbuminuria test result documented and reviewed equals No, proceed to Positive macroalbuminuria test result documented and reviewed.

13. Check Positive macroalbuminuria test result documented and reviewed:
   a. If Positive macroalbuminuria test result documented and reviewed equals Yes, include in Data Completeness Met and Performance Met.
      • Data Completeness Met and Performance Met letter is represented as Data Completeness and Performance Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter a³ equals 10 patients in the Sample Calculation.
   b. If Positive macroalbuminuria test result documented and reviewed equals No, proceed to Documentation of treatment for nephropathy.

14. Check Documentation of treatment for nephropathy:
   a. If Documentation of treatment for nephropathy equals Yes, include in Data Completeness Met and Performance Met.
      • Data Completeness Met and Performance Met letter is represented as Data Completeness and Performance Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter a⁴ equals 10 patients in the Sample Calculation.
   b. If Documentation of treatment for nephropathy equals No, proceed to Patient receiving angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor or angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) therapy.

15. Check Patient receiving angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor or angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) therapy:
   a. If Patient receiving angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor or angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) therapy equals Yes, include in Data Completeness Met and Performance Met.
      • Data Completeness Met and Performance Met letter is represented as Data Completeness and Performance Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter a⁵ equals 0 patients in the Sample Calculation.
   b. If Patient receiving angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor or angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) therapy equals No, proceed to Nephropathy screening not performed, reason not otherwise specified.

16. Check Nephropathy screening not performed, reason not otherwise specified:
   a. If Nephropathy screening not performed, reason not otherwise specified equals Yes, include in Data Completeness Met and Performance Not Met.
      • Data Completeness Met and Performance Not Met letter is represented as Data Completeness in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter c equals 30 patients in the Sample Calculation.
   b. If Nephropathy screening not performed, reason not otherwise specified equals No, proceed to Data Completeness Not Met.

17. Check Data Completeness Not Met:
   a. If Data Completeness Not Met, the Quality Data Code or equivalent was not submitted. 10 patients have been subtracted from the Data Completeness Numerator in the Sample Calculation.
**Sample Calculations:**

Data Completeness equals Performance Met (a₁ plus a² plus a³ plus a⁴ plus a⁵ equals 40 patients) plus Performance Not Met (c equals 30 patients) divided by Eligible Population / Denominator (d equals 80 patients). All equals 70 patients divided by 80 patients. All equals 87.50 percent.

Performance Rate equals Performance Met (a equals 40 patients) divided by Data Completeness Numerator (70 patients). All equals 40 patients divided by 70 patients. All equals 57.14 percent.

*See the posted measure specification for specific coding and instructions to submit this measure.

NOTE: Submission Frequency: Patient-process

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