

PROVIDER NEWS ALERT:

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Do you know about the new HEDIS/QARR measure?

Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes (KED)

Description: The percentage of patients ages 18 to 85 with diabetes (type 1 and type 2) who receive an annual kidney health evaluation, defined by BOTH:

- ✓ **Estimated Glomerular Filtration (eGFR)**
- ✓ **Urine Albumin-Creatinine Ratio (uACR)**

BACKGROUND:

- Developed by NCQA with input from the National Kidney Foundation.
- Objective is to improve kidney disease testing in people with diabetes.
- Estimated 37 million American adults are impacted by kidney disease, but **90% are unaware they even have it.**
- People of African American, Hispanic, American Indian, Asian or Pacific Islander descent are at increased risk for developing kidney disease.
- Tests for kidney disease detection and diagnosis are widely available and not expensive. However, **less than 50% of people with diabetes receive kidney testing annually.**
- Results of tests provide critical information needed to identify chronic kidney disease, develop a treatment plan which may include additional testing, lifestyle changes, medicine, and a referral to a nephrologist for further evaluation.

Source: <https://www.kidney.org/news/new-kidney-health-evaluation-measure-to-improve-kidney-disease-testing-diabetes-patients>

BEST PRACTICES:

1. Call or text visit reminders to patients with diabetes to ensure they receive routine diabetes care twice a year.
2. Conduct kidney health evaluation (eGFR and uACR) annually.
3. Use EMR to place orders automatically for eGFR and uACR.
4. Use EMR alerts or Gap in Care reports to identify and outreach members missing kidney health evaluation (eGFR and uACR).
5. Follow-up with patients after referring them for lab work.