

New for 2023

Added

- A direct reference code, Z51.5, for an encounter for palliative care
- Frailty exclusion now requires 2 different dates of service during the measurement year

Updated

- Members with no diagnosis of diabetes and a diagnosis of polycystic ovarian syndrome, gestational diabetes or steroid-induced diabetes are now required exclusions
- Members who died during the measurement year is now a required exclusion



Definition

Percentage of members ages 18–85 with diabetes (Types 1 and 2) who had a kidney health evaluation in the measurement year. **Both** an eGFR and a uACR test are required on same or different dates of service.

- At least 1 estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR); AND
- At least 1 urine albumin-creatinine ratio (uACR) test identified by one of the following:
 - A quantitative urine albumin test AND a urine creatinine test 4 or less days apart; OR
 - A uACR

Plan(s) Affected	Quality Program(s) Affected	Collection and Reporting Method
Commercial	CMS Quality Rating System	Administrative
 Exchange/Marketplace 	NCQA Health Plan Ratings	Claim/Encounter Data
Medicaid		
Medicare		

Codes

The following codes can be used to close HEDIS® numerator gaps in care; they are not intended to be a directive of your billing practice.

Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate Lab Test		
CPT®/CPT II	80047, 80048, 80050, 80053, 80069, 82565	
LOINC	48642-3, 48643-1, 50044-7, 50210-4, 50384-7, 62238-1, 69405-9, 70969-1, 77147-7, 88293-6, 88294-4, 94677-2, 96591-3, 96592-1, 98979-8, 98980-6	
SNOMED	12341000, 18207002, 241373003, 444275009, 444336003, 446913004, 706951006, 763355007	

(Codes continued)



Codes (continued)

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Quantitative Urine Albumin Lab Test	
CPT®/CPT II	82043
LOINC	14957-5, 1754-1, 21059-1, 30003-8, 43605-5, 53530-2, 53531-0, 57369-1, 89999-7
SNOMED	104486009, 104819000

Urine Creatinine Lab Test	
CPT®/CPT II	82570
LOINC	20624-3, 2161-8, 35674-1, 39982-4, 57344-4, 57346-9, 58951-5
SNOMED	8879006, 36793009, 271260009, 444322008

Urine Albumin Creatinine Ratio Test

LOINC 13705-9,14958-3, 14959-1, 30000-4, 32294-1, 44292-1, 59159-4, 76401-9, 77253-3, 77254-1,

89998-9, 9318-7



Required Exclusion(s)

Exclusion	Timeframe
 Members in hospice or using hospice services Members receiving palliative care Members age 81 years or older who had at least 2 frailty diagnoses on different dates of service Members who died 	Any time during the measurement year
Members with evidence of ESRD or dialysis	Any time during the member's history on or prior to December 31 of the measurement year
Members ages 66-80 as of December 31 of the measurement year who had at least 2 diagnoses of frailty on different dates of service and advanced illness.* Advanced illness is indicated by one of the following:	Frailty diagnoses must be in the measurement year and on different dates of service
 Two or more outpatient, observation, emergency room, telephone, e-visits, virtual check-ins or non-acute inpatient encounters or discharge(s)on separate dates of service with a diagnosis of advanced illness One or more acute inpatient encounter(s) with a diagnosis of advanced illness 	Advanced illness diagnosis must be in the measurement year or year prior to the measurement year
 One or more acute inpatient discharge(s) with a diagnosis of advanced illness on the discharge claim 	
 Dispensed a dementia medication: Donepezil, Donepezil-memantine, galantamine, rivastigmine or memantine 	
Medicare members ages 66 and older as of December 31 of the measurement year who are either: • Enrolled in an Institutional Special Needs Plan (I-SNP) • Living long term in an institution*	Any time during the measurement year
Members with no diagnosis of diabetes and a diagnosis of polycystic ovarian syndrome, gestational diabetes or steroid-induced diabetes are now required exclusions	Any time during the measurement year or the year prior to the measurement year

^{*}Supplemental and medical record data may not be used for the frailty with advanced illness or institutional living exclusions.



Tips and Best Practices to Help Close This Care Opportunity

- Please check your Patient Care Opportunity Report (PCOR) often to see members with open care opportunities. If you have questions, your UnitedHealthcare representative can help.
- The American Diabetes Association (ADA) and National Kidney Foundation (NKF) guidelines recommend annual kidney health evaluation for patients with diabetes.
- Advise members that some complications from diabetes may be asymptomatic. For example, kidney disease is asymptomatic in its earliest stages and routine testing and diagnoses may help prevent/delay some lifethreatening complications.
- Create automatic flags in EHR to alert staff to know when members are due for screenings. Use EHR to send text reminders that labs are due.

- Educate and remind members of the importance and rationale behind having these labs completed annually.
- Provide education to members about the disease process to help increase health literacy and improve management of the health condition.
- Foster a PCP-specialist collaboration to ensure labs are completed annually and to prevent duplicate labs or noncompliance.
- Order and request labs to have members complete prior to appointment to allow results to be available for discussion on the day of the office visit.
- Track and reach out to members who have missed appointments.