
CBE ID

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Title

Avoidance of Utilization of High Ultrafiltration Rate (≥ 13 ml/kg/hour)

Endorsement Status

Endorsed

Is Under Review

No

Next Maintenance Cycle

Fall 2026

Previous Endorsement Cycle

Fall 2020

Initial Endorsement

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1.0 New or Maintenance

Maintenance

1.1 Measure Structure

Single Measure

1.3 Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM)

No

1.6 Measure Description

Percentage of adult in-center hemodialysis patients in the facility whose average ultrafiltration rate (UFR) is ≥ 13 ml/kg/hour AND who receive an average of < 240 minutes per treatment during the calculation period.

1.7 Measure Type

Process

1.8 Level of Analysis

Facility

1.14 Numerator

Number of patients* from the denominator whose average UFR is ≥ 13 mg/kg/hr (NOT just >13) hour AND who receive an average of <240 minutes per treatment during the calculation period.***To address the fact that patients may contribute varying amounts of time to the annual denominator population, results will be reported using a “patient-month” construction.** The calculation period is defined as the same week that the monthly Kt/V is drawn.

1.15 Denominator

Number of adult in-center hemodialysis patients in an outpatient dialysis facility undergoing chronic maintenance hemodialysis during the calculation period.

6.1.2 Current or Planned Use(s)

Public Reporting, Payment Program, Quality Improvement with Benchmarking (external benchmarking to multiple organizations), Quality Improvement (Internal to the specific organization)

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Exclusions

The following patients are excluded from the denominator population:

1. Patients <18 years of age (implicit in denominator definition).
2. Home dialysis patients (implicit in denominator definition).
3. Patients in a facility <30 days.
4. Patients with >4 hemodialysis treatments during the calculation period.
5. Patients with <7 hemodialysis treatments in the facility during the reporting month.
6. Patients without a completed CMS Medical Evidence Form (Form CMS-2728) in the reporting month.
7. Kidney transplant recipients with a functioning graft.
8. Facilities treating ≤ 25 adult in-center hemodialysis patients during the reporting month.

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Payment Program, Public Reporting

Risk Adjustment

No risk adjustment or risk stratification

Target Population

Dual eligible beneficiaries, Elderly, Individuals with multiple chronic conditions, Populations at Risk

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