

**CBE ID**

3742

**Title**

ESRD Dialysis Patient Life Goals Survey (PaLS)

**Endorsement Status**

Not Endorsed

**Is Under Review**

No

**Previous Endorsement Cycle**

Spring 2023

**Steward**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

**1.0 New or Maintenance**

New

**1.1 Measure Structure**

Single Measure

**1.6 Measure Description**

The PaLS is used to generate a patient-level t-score that reflects patient-reported satisfaction with how well his/her/their facility is doing in discussing life goals with the patient as part of the treatment planning process.

**1.7 Measure Type**

Process

**1.14 Numerator**

The numerator is the number of eligible patients from the denominator that completed at least one scorable item of the PaLS (i.e., at least one of the six Likert-type items).

**1.15 Denominator**

All prevalent adult chronic dialysis patients ( $\geq 18$  y/o) treated by the facility (both In-Center and Home Dialysis) for greater than 90 days during the reporting period, who read and understand English.

**1.20 Types of Data Sources**

Claims Data

**6.1.2 Current or Planned Use(s)**

Payment Program, Public Reporting

### **6.1.3 Current Use(s)**

Not in use

### **Exclusions**

Exclusions are implicit based on eligibility criteria to complete the survey. These include age less than 18; patient has a kidney transplant; patient with recovered renal function, or lost to follow up; and unable to read and/or understand English (whether self-assessed or self-reported). In our testing we also excluded duplicate patient surveys.

### **Risk Adjustment**

No risk adjustment or risk stratification

### **The measure developer is different from the measure steward**

No

### **Steward Organization**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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