

5.1.4 Characteristics of Units of the Eligible Population

#3565 Standardized Emergency Department Encounter Ratio (SEDR) for Dialysis Facilities

Medicare dialysis patients were included in the testing and analysis for each of the four years from 2020-2023 of which there were 622,677, 620,259, 604,457, and 598,274 patients, respectively.

Table: Descriptives of Patient Characteristics Included in the Measure, 2020-2023

Characteristics	Percent (%)
Age	
0-17 years old	0.0
18-24 years old	0.7
25-44 years old	11.6
45-59 years old	26.7
60-74 years old	40.5
75 or older	20.6
Sex: Female	41.7
Race	
White	58.4
Black	33.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	6.5
Native American/Alaska Native	1.2
Other/Unknown	0.6
Ethnicity	
Hispanic	20.9
Non-Hispanic/Unknown	79.1
ESRD due to Diabetes	46.7
Medicare coverage	
Dual Eligible (among all Medicare Primary Patients)	19.3
Traditional Medicare (FFS)	32.5
Medicare Advantage (all plan types)	32.7
Other (non-Medicare, or Medicare as secondary payer)	15.5
Time since Start of ESRD	

Characteristics	Percent (%)
91 days-6 months	12.5
6 months-1 year	14.8
1-2 years	18.1
2-3 years	14.3
3-5 years	16.3
5+ years	24.0
Employment status 6 months prior to ESRD	
Unemployed	22.6
Employed	24.7
Other/Unknown *	52.8

* Other/Unknown group includes homemaker, retired due to age/preference, retired due to disability, medical leave of absence, or missing employment status. Note: Some categories do not sum to 100% due to rounding.