

KIDNEY CARE QUALITY ALLIANCE

MEDICATION RECONCILIATION FOR PATIENTS RECEIVING CARE AT DIALYSIS FACILITIES DETAILED MEASURE SPECIFICATIONS

Description	Percentage of patient-months for which medication reconciliation was performed and documented by an eligible professional.
Measure Type	Process.
Data Source	Facility medical record.
Level of Analysis	Dialysis facility.
Numerator	<p>Number of patient-months for which medication reconciliation* was performed and documented by an eligible professional** during the reporting period.</p> <p>The medication reconciliation MUST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include the name or other unique identifier of the eligible professional; <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include the date of the reconciliation; <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address ALL known medications that are not administered intradialytically (prescriptions, over-the-counters, herbals, vitamin/mineral/dietary [nutritional] supplements, and medical marijuana); <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address for EACH medication: Medication name,¹ indication,² dosage,² frequency,² route of administration,² start and end date (if applicable),² discontinuation date (if applicable),² reason medication was stopped or discontinued (if applicable),² and identification of individual who authorized stoppage or discontinuation of medication (if applicable);² <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List any allergies, intolerances, or adverse drug events experienced by the patient. <p>**“Medication reconciliation” is defined as the process of creating the most accurate list of all medications that are not administered intradialytically that the patient is taking, including name, indication, dosage, frequency, and route, by comparing the most recent medication list in the dialysis medical record to one or more external list(s) of medications obtained from a patient or caregiver (including patient-/caregiver-provided “brown bag” information), pharmacotherapy information network (e.g., Surescripts®), hospital, or other provider.</p> <p>**For the purposes of medication reconciliation, “eligible professional” is defined as: physician, RN, ARNP, PA, pharmacist, or pharmacy technician.</p>
Denominator	Total number of patient-months for all patients assigned to a dialysis facility during the reporting period.
Exclusions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transient patients, defined as in-center patients who received <7 hemodialysis treatments in the facility during the reporting month. 2. Facilities with <12 (i.e., <=11) eligible patients during the reporting month.
Reporting and Stratification	No risk adjustment or risk stratification.

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¹ For patients in a clinical trial, it is acknowledged that it may be unknown as to whether the patient is receiving the therapeutic agent or a placebo.

² “Unknown” is an acceptable response for this field.