



# NETWORK Notification

**Notice Date:** October 5, 2023  
**To:** North Carolina Marketplace Providers  
**From:** CareSource North Carolina Co.  
**Subject:** Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes (KED) Measure

### Summary

To improve quality of care and health outcomes related to chronic kidney disease (CKD), NCQA®, in partnership with the National Kidney Foundation®, created a diabetes related HEDIS® measure, Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes (KED).

### Importance

In the United States, 37 million adults are estimated to have CKD and more than 90 percent are unaware of it. One in three American adults are at risk for CKD based on risk factors including diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity and family history. Minorities are at increased risk for developing CKD. African Americans are three times more likely than Whites, and Hispanics are nearly 1.5 times more likely than non-Hispanics to develop end-stage renal disease (kidney failure).

At CareSource North Carolina Co., we take the risk of CKD to our members very seriously and want to inform our providers of the following updates.

MEASURE	DESCRIPTION OF MEASURE	DOCUMENTATION TIPS	COMPLIANCE CODES & MEASURE TIPS
Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes (KED)  18-85 Years	Those with diabetes age 18-85 years who had kidney health evaluation, defined by an estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) and a urine albumin-creatinine ratio (uACR) or BOTH a quantitative urine albumin test (QUA) AND a urine creatine test (UC) WITH service dates four days or less apart.	This measure looks at whether adult members with diabetes (Type 1 and Type 2) receive the two lab tests to evaluate kidney health.  To qualify, the member must receive an eGFR (assessing kidney function) and uACR (assessing kidney damage) during the measurement year.	eGFR CPT: 80047, 80048, 80050, 80053, 80069, 82565  AND  QUA CPT: 82043 and UC CPT: 82570  Or  uACR via LOINC codes

Results of these lab tests provide our CareSource North Carolina Co. physicians with essential information to diagnose CKD and to engage in shared decision making to create an effective treatment plan.

**Questions?**

If you have questions about this new measure, please feel free to contact your Provider Engagement Team Representative or Provider Services at **1-833-230-2101**, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

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