



Medicaid New HEDIS® Measure: Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes (KED)

What's Changing:

Every year, the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) continues to uphold healthy quality standards by adding, revising or retiring Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measures. For measurement year 2020, NCQA has retired the Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC) Monitoring for Nephropathy measure and replaced it with Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes, or KED. Per HEDIS technical specifications, the description for KED is as follows:

“The percentage of members 18-85 years of age with diabetes (type 1 and type 2) who received a kidney health evaluation, defined by an estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) and a urine albumin-creatinine ratio (uACR), during the measurement year.”

Requirements for KED:

To ensure our diabetic members are receiving their full workup based on current standards, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) is asking our providers to continue monitoring members' hemoglobin A1c, retinal eye exam, blood pressure, and kidney function, which now includes both blood work and a urine test.

Best Practices for our Providers:

- Inform and remind our members of the need for regular diabetes testing
- Advise that complications from diabetes may be asymptomatic
- Have a daily or weekly huddle on members with upcoming diabetic gaps in care; review and outreach to those members who have missed their appointments

Other resources:

Review the [BCBSTX Preventive Care Guidelines \(PCGs\)](#), [Clinical Practice Guidelines \(CPGs\)](#) for treating your patients.

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