

CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION: CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE, STAGE 3A/3B

THE DIAGNOSIS	Chronic Kidney Disease, Stage 3A/3B
COMMON CONDITIONS INCLUDED IN HCC GROUPS: 329, 328 RAF score = 0.127	Chronic Kidney Disease, Stage 3, unspecified – N18.30 Chronic Kidney Disease, Stage 3a – N18.31 Chronic Kidney Disease, Stage 3b – N18.32
KEY CODING or DOCUMENTATION TIPS	<p>The chronic kidney disease (CKD) Stage 3a and Stage 3b are two separate HCC groups, and their RAF score is the same.</p> <p>The CKD staging <u>MUST</u> be included in the patient encounter for diabetic kidney disease and all CKD diagnoses. If no staging is included in the documentation, then the coder should query the provider.</p> <p>Be sure to include linking words (with, due to, etc.) when documenting the relationship between CKD and another disease, like diabetes.</p>
MEAT the DOCUMENTATION M = Monitor E = Evaluate A = Assess/Address T = Treat	<p>Assessment and Plan example: Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic chronic kidney disease (E11.22) CKD stage 3b (N18.32) Long term (current) use of oral hypoglycemic drugs (Z79.84)</p> <p>Mr. L presents for his annual physical. VS stable, although BP was borderline at 140/88. No previous dx of HTN. Reviewed labs. eGFR is stable at 42, uACR 29, and Hgb A1c steady at 7.4. Pt states he usually tries to keep his A1c below 7, yet he recently returned from a two-week vacation, and he splurged a bit. Answered pt's questions regarding the CKD due to his diabetes. Follow-up in 4 months to recheck labs. Blood pressure check with nurse in 2 weeks.</p> <p>M – Signs and symptoms, such as swelling, frequent urination, fatigue. E – Test results or vital signs, such as eGFR and A1c. A – Order tests or patient discussion, such as diet and exercise. T – Medications, therapy, or other modalities, such specialist follow-up.</p>
IMPACT on QUALITY – HEDIS MEASURES	Kidney Health Evaluation (CMS 95) – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> eGFR and uACR testing at least annually for type 2 diabetic patients. Only exclusion is for patients with ESRD, CKD stage 5, or in hospice or palliative care during the measurement period.