

CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION: CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE, STAGE 4

THE DIAGNOSIS	Chronic Kidney Disease, Stage 4
COMMON CONDITIONS INCLUDED IN HCC 327 RAF score = 0.514	Chronic Kidney Disease, Stage 4 – N18.4
KEY CODING or DOCUMENTATION TIPS	<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:</p> <p>Hypertensive kidney disease (I12.9)</p> <p>CKD stage 4 (N18.4)</p> <p>Ms. Q presents for her preoperative clearance visit for her hip replacement. VS stable, except for BP 156/92. Pt states her pain is at a 7 today. Pt states she is trying to use the minimal amount of pain medicine before her surgery. Reviewed labs drawn at her preop visit at the hospital. eGFR is stable at 27, uACR 65. Normal exam for pt. Reviewed medications, and no changes in medications. Reviewed pt's instructions for medications to take the day of surgery, answered all questions. Pt cleared for hip replacement surgery.</p> <p>M – Signs and symptoms, such as swelling, frequent urination, fatigue.</p> <p>E – Test results or vital signs, such as eGFR and A1c.</p> <p>A – Order tests or patient discussion, such as diet and exercise.</p> <p>T – Medications, therapy, or other modalities, such specialist follow-up.</p>
IMPACT on QUALITY – HEDIS MEASURES	<p>Kidney Health Evaluation (CMS 95) –</p> <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.