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Changes in Diabetic Kidney Function Measure

Many of our providers may not be aware that there is no longer a HEDIS measure for kidney disease in what was called the HEDIS Comprehensive Care of Diabetes (CCD) measure. For the past three years there has been a measure for screening for diabetic kidney disease which is the KED measure. The KED measure requires that all patients with diabetes between the ages of 18 and 85 have both an annual estimation of the GFR (glomerular filtration rate) *and* a measure of urine albumin/creatinine ratio (uACR). Previously measuring urine microalbumin or taking an ACE inhibitor or an ARB would qualify for the measure. That is no longer true. US Family Health Plan is reaching out to our providers to educate them about the changes in this measure, and there is now a HEDIS Tip Sheet available on the Tufts Health Plan Provider Portal with more information. Go to [hedis-tip-sheet-ked \(tuftshealthplan.com\)](https://tuftshealthplan.com/hedis-tip-sheet-ked).

Behavioral Health Service Navigation

US Family Health Plan is partnering with Tufts Health Plan in offering our members access to behavioral health navigation. Members may call the US Family Health Plan Member Services department at **800.818.8589** and be referred to a behavioral health service navigator. They will help the member navigate through the complex health care system to find the appropriate resources. This may include timely appointments or referral to case management programs.

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