

2024 Star Measure Tips



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One in a series of tip sheets that look at key Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set measures, commonly referred to as HEDIS® measures.

HEDIS® Advanced Illness and Frailty Guide

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) allows additional exclusions to Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) Star measures for patients with advanced illness and frailty.

- Services measured by NCQA may not benefit older adults with limited life expectancy and advanced illness.
- Unnecessary tests or treatments could burden these patients or even be harmful.
- NCQA encourages practitioners to focus on appropriate care for their patients.

This guide includes:

- Measure specific exclusionary criteria according to age group
- Billing codes and definitions for advanced illness and frailty exclusions
- Dementia medications

Tips for coding

- Advanced illness and frailty must be documented in the medical record and billed with the appropriate exclusion codes.
- Virtual care visits are acceptable when used to exclude a patient.
- Appropriate coding on **different dates of service** must be billed to meet exclusion criteria:
 - **Advanced illness:**
 - Two outpatient visits with an advanced illness diagnosis during the **measurement year or the year prior**
 - Or
 - A dispensed dementia medication during the **measurement year or the year prior**
- **Frailty:**
 - Two indications of frailty during the **measurement year**

Note: Appropriate billing and coding can substantially reduce medical record requests for HEDIS® data collection purposes.

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Star Measure exclusion criteria	Applicable HEDIS® Star Measure
66 years and older with both advanced illness and frailty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breast Cancer Screening (BCS) Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL) Eye Exam for Patients with Diabetes (EED) Glycemic Status Assessment for Patients With Diabetes (GSD) Statin Therapy for Patients with Cardiovascular Disease (SPC)
66 - 80 years old with both advanced illness and frailty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlling High Blood Pressure (CBP) Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes (KED)
67 - 80 years old with both advanced illness and frailty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Osteoporosis Management in Women Who Had a Fracture (OMW)
81 years and older with frailty alone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlling High Blood Pressure (CBP) Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes (KED) Osteoporosis Management in Women Who Had a Fracture (OMW)

Advanced illness	
ICD-10-CM code	Definition
A81.00-01, A81.09	Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease
C25.0-4, C25.7-9	Malignant neoplasm of pancreas
C71.0-9	Malignant neoplasm of brain
C77.0-5, C77.8-9	Secondary and unspecified malignant neoplasm of lymph nodes
C78.00-02	Secondary malignant neoplasm of lung
C78.1	Secondary malignant neoplasm of mediastinum
C78.2	Secondary malignant neoplasm of pleura
C78.30, C78.39	Secondary malignant neoplasm of unspecified or other respiratory organs
C78.4	Secondary malignant neoplasm of small intestine
C78.5	Secondary malignant neoplasm of large intestine and rectum
C78.6	Secondary malignant neoplasm of retroperitoneum and peritoneum
C78.7	Secondary malignant neoplasm of liver and intrahepatic bile duct
C78.80, C78.89	Secondary malignant neoplasm of unspecified or other digestive organs
C79.00-02	Secondary malignant neoplasm of kidney and renal pelvis
C79.10-11, C79.19	Secondary malignant neoplasm of bladder and other urinary organs
C79.2	Secondary malignant neoplasm of skin
C79.31	Secondary malignant neoplasm of brain
C79.32	Secondary malignant neoplasm of cerebral meninges
C79.40, C79.49	Secondary malignant neoplasm of unspecified or other parts of nervous system
C79.51-52	Secondary malignant neoplasm of bone or bone marrow
C79.60-63	Secondary malignant neoplasm of ovary

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Advanced illness	
ICD-10-CM code	Definition
C79.70-72	Secondary malignant neoplasm of adrenal gland
C79.81-82	Secondary malignant neoplasm of breast or genital organs
C79.89, C79.9	Secondary malignant neoplasm of unspecified or other sites
C91.00, C92.00, C93.00, C93.90, C93.Z0, C94.30	Leukemia not having achieved remission
C91.02, C92.02, C93.02, C93.92, C93.Z2, C94.32	Leukemia in relapse
F01.50, F01.51, F01.511, F01.518, F01.52-F01.54, F01.A0, F01.A11, F01.A18, F01.A2-F01.A4, F01.B0, F01.B11, F01.B18, F01.B2-F01.B4, F01.C0, F01.C11, F01.C18, F01.C2-F01.C4, F02.80, F02.81, F02.811, F02.818, F02.82-F02.84, F02.A0, F02.A11, F02.A18, F02.A2-F02.A4, F02.B0, F02.B11, F02.B18, F02.B2-F02.B4, F02.C0, F02.C11, F02.C18, F02.C2-F02.C4, F03.90-F03.91, F03.911, F03.918, F03.92-F03.94, F03.A0, F03.A11, F03.A18, F03.A2-F03.A4, F03.B0, F03.B11, F03.B18, F03.B2-F03.B4, F03.C0, F03.C11, F03.C18, F03.C2-F03.C4, F10.97	Dementia
F04	Amnestic disorder due to known physiological condition
F10.96	Alcohol-induced persisting amnestic disorder
G30.0, G30.1, G30.8, G30.9	Alzheimer's disease
G10	Huntington's disease
G12.21	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
G20	Parkinson's disease
G31.01	Picks disease
G35	Multiple sclerosis
I09.81, I11.0, I13.0, I13.2, I50.1, I50.20-23, I50.30-33, I50.40-43, I50.810-814, I50.82-84, I50.89, I50.9	Heart failure
I12.0, I13.11, I13.2, N18.5	Chronic kidney disease, stage 5
J43.0, J43.1, J43.2, J43.8, J43.9, J98.2, J98.3	Emphysema
J68.4	Chronic respiratory conditions due to chemicals, gases, fumes, and vapors
J84.10, J84.112, J84.17, J84.170, J84.178	Pulmonary fibrosis
J96.10-12, J96.20-22, J96.90-92	Respiratory failure
K70.10, K70.11, K70.2, K70.30, K70.31, K70.40, K70.41, K70.9	Alcoholic hepatic disease
K74.0, K74.00-02, K74.1, K74.2, K74.4, K74.5, K74.60, K74.69	Hepatic disease
N18.6	End stage renal disease

Dementia medications	
Description	Prescription
Cholinesterase inhibitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donepezil • Galantamine • Rivastigmine
Miscellaneous central nervous system agents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memantine
Dementia combinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donepezil-memantine

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Frailty	
CPT® code*	Definition
99504	Home visit for mechanical ventilation care
99509	Home visit for assistance with activities of daily living and personal care

Frailty	
HCPCS code	Definition
E0100, E0105	Cane
E0130, E0135, E0140, E0141, E0143, E0144, E0147-9	Walker
E0163, E0165, E0167, E0168, E0170, E0171	Commode chair
E0250, E0251, E0255, E0256, E0260, E0261, E0265, E0266, E0270, E0290-7, E0301-4	Hospital bed
E0424, E0425, E0430, E0431, E0433, E0434, E0435, E0439, E0440-4	Oxygen
E0462	Rocking bed with or without side rails
E0465, E0466	Home ventilator
E0470-2	Respiratory assist device
E1130, E1140, E1150, E1160, E1161, E1170, E1171, E1172, E1180, E1190, E1195, E1200, E1220, E1240, E1250, E1260, E1270, E1280, E1285, E1290, E1295-8	Wheelchair
G0162, G0299, G0300, G0493, G0494	Skilled RN/LPN services related to home health/hospice setting
S0271	Physician management of patient home care, hospice
S0311	Management and coordination for advanced illness
S9123, S9124, T1000-5, T1019-22, T1030, T1031	Nursing, respite care and personal care services

Frailty	
ICD-10-CM code	Definition
L89.000 - L89.96	Pressure ulcer
M62.50	Muscle wasting and atrophy, not elsewhere classified, unspecified state
M62.81	Muscle weakness (generalized)
M62.84	Sarcopenia
R26.2	Difficulty in walking, not elsewhere classified
R26.89	Other abnormalities of gait and mobility
R26.9	Unspecified abnormalities of gait and mobility
R53.1	Weakness
R53.81	Other malaise
R54	Age-related physical debility
R62.7	Adult failure to thrive
R63.4	Abnormal weight loss
R63.6	Underweight
R64	Cachexia

Frailty	
ICD-10-CM code	Definition
W01.0XXA-W01.198S, W06.XXXA-W06.XXXS, W07.XXXA-W07.XXXS, W08.XXXA-W08.XXXS, W10.0XXA-W10.9XXS, W18.00XA-W18.39XS, W19.XXXA-W19.XXXS	Fall
Y92.199	Unspecified place in other specified residential institution as the place of occurrence of the external cause
Z59.3	Problems related to living in residential institution
Z73.6	Limitation of activities due to disability
Z74.01	Bed confinement status
Z74.09	Other reduced mobility
Z74.1	Need for assistance with personal care
Z74.2	Need for assistance at home and no other household member able to render care
Z74.3	Need for continuous supervision
Z74.8	Other problems related to care provider dependency
Z74.9	Problem related to care provider dependency, unspecified
Z91.81	History of falling
Z99.11	Dependence on respirator (ventilator) status
Z99.3	Dependence on wheelchair
Z99.81	Dependence on supplemental oxygen
Z99.89	Dependence on other enabling machines and devices

Resources

1. National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). 2018. "Improving care for those with advanced illness and frailty."
www.ncqa.org/blog/improving-care-advanced-illness-frailty/

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