

Section	Page(s)	Item and Type of Guidance	Description of Change
B	B-1	BB0700 – Item Rationale	One sentence added and one sentence revised to clarify rationale
	B-1	BB0700 – Steps for Assessment	Detail added about use of written method of communication and modified sentence about use of alternative methods of communication
	B-2	BB0700 – Coding Tips	Coding tips added regarding verbal and non-verbal expression and preferred language
	B-4	BB0800 – Coding Tips	Coding tips added regarding comprehension problems, types of communication, and assistive devices
C	C-1	C0100 – Steps for Assessment	Details added regarding the collection of BIMS data during the 3-day assessment period
	C-4	C0100 – Item Rationale	Statement removed about cognitive tests being compared over time
	C-5	C0200 – C0500 – BIMS Coding Tips	Coding tips added regarding speech impairment and nonsensical responses
	C-6	C0200 – Item Rationale	Coding tips added regarding use of alternative methods of communication
	C-8	C0200 – Coding Tips	Coding tips added regarding non-verbal and alternative methods
	C-9	C0300 – Item Rationale	Details added about rationale
	C-13	C0400 – Item Rationale	Details added to specify cognitive function
	C-15	C0500 – Item Rationale	Statement removed about comparing performance
	C-19	C0900 – Coding Tips	Coding tips added about gathering information to code this item
	C-19 – 20	Guidance for Completing the BIMS Using Alternative Methods	Instructions added for administering the BIMS in writing
GG	GG-1	Section GG – Intent	Details added to intent
	GG-1	GG0100 – Coding instructions	Clarification added regarding 3-day assessment period
	GG-3 – GG-4	GG0100 – Examples	Example 10 updated for clarity; Indoor mobility example added
	GG-5	GG0110 – Coding Instructions	Clarification added regarding 3-day assessment period
	GG-5	GG0110 – Coding Tips	Coding tip added providing examples of walkers
	GG-7	GG0130 – Steps for Assessment	Clarification added related to assessment period and usual status
	GG-8 – GG-10	GG0130 – Coding Tips	Coding tips added related to dash use, documentation in medical record, and incomplete stays
	GG-11; GG-15; GG-16	GG0130 – Examples	Examples updated for clarity (examples 5, 8, 24); new examples added (examples 23, 28, 29)
	GG-19	Discharge Goals Coding Tips	Coding tips added related to dash use, and coding goals

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	GG-22 – GG 23	GG0170 – Steps for Assessment	Clarification added related to assessment period, usual status and turns
	GG-24 – GG-25	GG0170 – Coding Tips	Coding tips added related to dash use, direct observation, and incomplete stays
	GG-28 – GG-32; GG-34; GG-37	GG0170 – Examples	Examples updated for clarity (examples 15, 19, 24); new examples added (examples 28, 29, 40, 54); wheelchair mobility example removed
H	H-2	H0350 – Coding Instructions	Clarification regarding 3-day assessment period
	H-2	H0350 – Coding Tips and Special Populations	Definitions added for incontinence and stress incontinence
	H-2	H0350 – Coding Tips and Special Populations	Coding clarification added about a patient with behavioral issues.
	H-2 – H-3	H0350 – Examples	New example added (example 7)
	H-5	H0400 – Coding Instructions	Clarification added regarding 3-day assessment period
I	I-1	I0900, I2900, I7900 – Coding Instructions	Clarification added regarding 3-day assessment period and documentation in medical record
	I-2	I0900, I2900, I7900 – Coding Instructions	Coding tip added regarding documentation in the medical record
J	J-1	J1750 – Coding Instructions	Clarification added regarding 3-day assessment period and code 8, unknown
	J-2 – J-3	J1800 – Examples	Example added (example 2)
	J-4	J1900 – Coding Tips	Coding tip added related to falls during a program interruption
	J-5	J2000 – Coding Instruction and Coding Tips	Clarification added regarding 3-day assessment period and major surgery
	J-6	J2000 – Examples	Example added related to major surgery (example 2)
K	K-1	K0110 – Coding Instructions	Clarification added regarding 3-day assessment period
M	M-3 – M-4	M0210 – Coding Tips	coding tips added regarding end of life ulcers, mucosal pressure ulcers, healed pressure ulcers, and pressure ulcers that have merged
	M-36 – M-38	M0900 – Item Rationale, Steps for Assessment, Coding Instructions, Coding Tips, and Coding Example	Rationale, steps for assessment, coding instructions, coding tips, and coding example added for this item
O	O-1	O0100 – Steps for Assessment and Coding Instructions	Clarification added regarding 3-day assessment period
	O-2	O0250 – Item Rationale	Reference updated
	O-3 – O-4	O0250 – Coding Instructions	Clarification added to code 3, Not eligible
	O-4 – O-5	O0250 – Coding Tips and Special Populations	Coding tips added related to coding patient influenza vaccine items
	O-5 – O-8	O0250 – Examples	Examples updated; new examples added (examples 3, 10)

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All Quality Indicator Sections	—	All	Editorial corrections, such as capitalizations, were made in some sections