

## Quality Reporting Program Provider Training



### Section J: Health Conditions

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# Acronyms in This Presentation

- CMS – Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- HHA – Home Health Agency
- HH QRP – Home Health Quality Reporting Program
- IMPACT – Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation
- NQF – National Quality Forum
- OASIS – Outcome and Assessment Information Set
- RN – Registered Nurse
- ROC – Resumption of Care
- SOC – Start of Care

HH QRP      SOC      ROC  
IMPACT      HHA  
OASIS      NQF  
RN      CMS

# Objectives

- Describe the new assessment items in Section J: Health Conditions (J1800 and J1900).
- Apply coding instructions to accurately code practice scenarios and the case study.



# Section J: New Items

**J1800:** Any Falls Since Start of Care (SOC)/ Resumption of Care (ROC), whichever is more recent

## **Time Points Completed:**

- Transfer.
- Discharge – Not to an inpatient facility.
- Death at home.

**J1900:** Number of Falls Since SOC/ROC, whichever is more recent

## **Time Points Completed:**

- Transfer.
- Discharge – Not to an inpatient facility.
- Death at home.

# Section J From the Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS)-D

<b>J1800. Any Falls Since SOC/ROC, whichever is more recent</b>		
Enter Code <input type="checkbox"/>	Has the patient <b>had any falls since SOC/ROC</b> , whichever is more recent? 0. <b>No</b> → Skip J1900 1. <b>Yes</b> → Continue to J1900, Number of Falls Since SOC/ROC, whichever is more recent	
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>C. Major injury:</b> Bone <b>fractures</b> , joint dislocations, closed head injuries with altered consciousness, subdural hematoma

**J1800**

**Any Falls Since SOC/ROC,  
whichever is more recent**

# New OASIS-D Item: J1800

Completed at  
Discharge,  
Transfer, and  
Death at Home

J1800. Any Falls Since SOC/ROC, whichever is more recent	
Enter Code <input type="checkbox"/>	Has the patient <b>had any falls since SOC/ROC</b> , whichever is more recent? 0. <b>No</b> → Skip J1900 1. <b>Yes</b> → Continue to J1900, Number of Falls Since SOC/ROC, whichever is more recent



# J1800 Intent

- Identifies if the patient had any witnessed or unwitnessed falls since the most recent SOC/ROC.





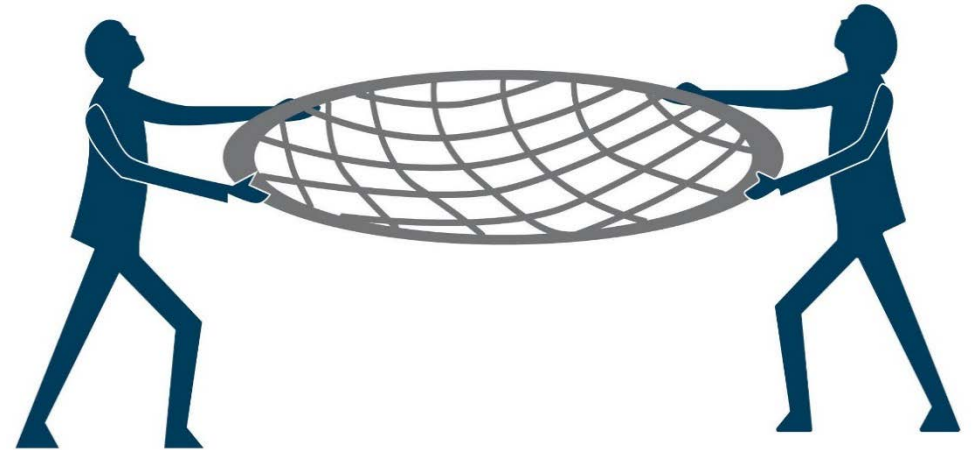
# Definition of a Fall

- An unintentional change in position coming to rest on the ground, floor, or onto the next lower surface (such as a bed or chair).
- A fall may be witnessed or unwitnessed, reported by the patient or an observer, or identified when a patient is found on the floor or ground.
- A fall is not a result of an overwhelming external force (such as a person pushes a patient).



# Definition of an Intercepted Fall

- An **intercepted fall** occurs when the patient would have fallen if he or she:
  - Had not caught him/herself.
  - Had not been intercepted by another person.
- **An intercepted fall is considered a fall.**



# Challenging a Patient's Balance



- CMS understands that challenging a patient's balance and training him/her to recover from a loss of balance is an intentional therapeutic intervention, and does not consider anticipated losses of balance that occur during supervised therapeutic interventions as intercepted falls.

# J1800 Response-Specific Instructions

- **Review:**
  - Home health clinical record.
  - Incident reports.
  - Other relevant clinical documentation.
    - For example, fall logs.
- **Interview** patient and/or caregiver about occurrence of falls.



# J1800 Coding Instructions

- **Code 0, No**, if the patient has not had any fall since the most recent SOC/ROC.
- **Code 1, Yes**, if the patient has fallen since the most recent SOC/ROC.
  - Response-specific instruction: Code falls no matter where the fall occurred.
- **A dash** is a valid response for this item. CMS expects dash use to be a rare occurrence.

J1800. Any Falls Since SOC/ROC, whichever is more recent	
Enter Code <input type="text"/>	Has the patient <b>had any falls since SOC/ROC</b> , whichever is more recent? 0. <b>No</b> → Skip J1900 1. <b>Yes</b> → Continue to J1900, Number of Falls Since SOC/ROC, whichever is more recent



# J1800 Practice Coding Scenario 1

- The discharging registered nurse (RN) reviews the clinical record and interviews the patient and caregiver, Mrs. K and her daughter Susan, determining that a single fall occurred since the most recent SOC/ROC.
- The fall is documented on a clinical note from an RN home visit in which Susan reported her mother slipped from her wheelchair to the floor the previous day.



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# How would you code J1800. Any Falls Since SOC/ROC?

A. Code 0, No.

B. Code 1, Yes.



# J1800 Practice Coding Scenario 2

- An incident report describes an event in which Mr. S appeared to slip on a wet spot on the floor during a home health aide bath visit.
- He lost his balance and bumped into the wall, but was able to steady himself and remain standing.





# How would you code J1800. Any Falls Since SOC/ROC?

A. Code 0, No.

B. Code 1, Yes.



# J1800 Practice Coding Scenario 3

- A patient is participating in balance retraining activities during a therapy visit.
- The therapist is intentionally challenging patient's balance, anticipating a loss of balance.
- The patient has a loss of balance to the left due to hemiplegia, and the physical therapist provides minimal assistance to allow the patient to maintain standing.





# How would you code J1800. Any Falls Since SOC/ROC?

A. Code 0, No.

B. Code 1, Yes.



# J1800 Practice Coding Scenario 4

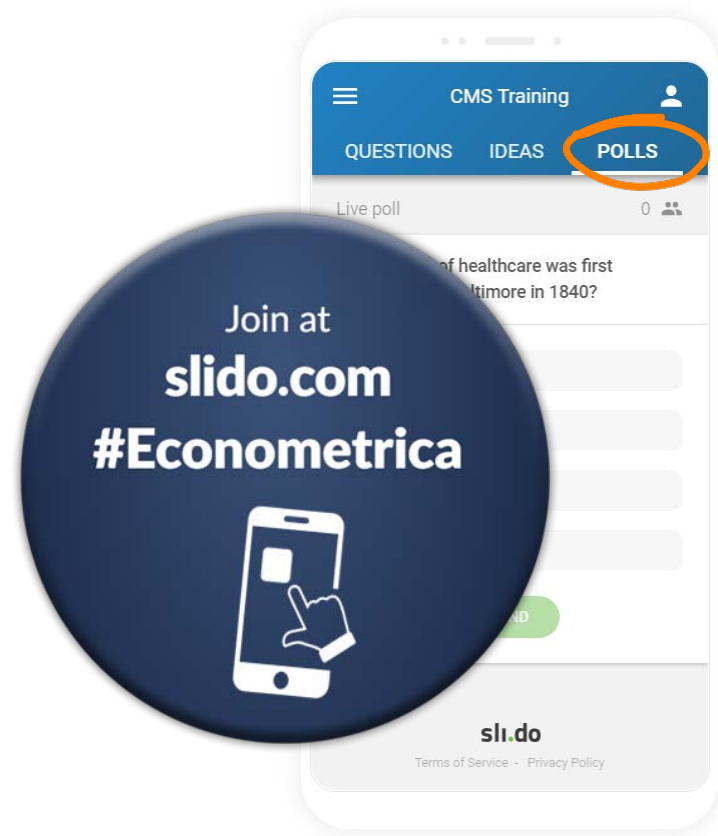
- A patient is ambulating with a walker with the help of the physical therapist.
- The patient stumbles and the therapist has to bear some of the patient's weight in order to prevent a fall.





# How would you code J1800. Any Falls Since SOC/ROC?

- A. Code 0, No
- B. Code 1, Yes



# J1900

**Number of Falls Since SOC/ROC,  
whichever is more recent**

# New OASIS-D Item: J1900

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Discharge,  
Transfer, and  
Death at Home

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>A. No injury:</b> No evidence of any injury is noted on physical assessment by the nurse or primary care clinician; no complaints of pain or injury by the patient; no change in the patient's behavior is noted after the fall
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>B. Injury (except major):</b> Skin tears, abrasions, lacerations, superficial bruises, hematomas and sprains; or any fall-related injury that causes the patient to complain of pain
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>C. Major injury:</b> Bone <b>fractures</b> , joint dislocations, closed head injuries with altered consciousness, subdural hematoma

# J1900 Intent



- Identifies the number of falls a patient had since the most recent SOC/ROC, and fall-related injury.



# Definition: Injury Related to a Fall



Any documented or reported injury that occurred as a result of, or was recognized within a short period of time (e.g., hours to a few days) after the fall and attributed to the fall.

# J1900 Response-Specific Instructions



## Review

Review the home health clinical record, incident reports, and any other relevant clinical documentation, such as fall logs.



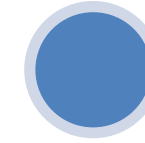
## Interview

Interview the patient and/or caregiver about occurrence of falls.



## Determine

Determine the number of falls that occurred since the most recent SOC/ROC and code the level of fall-related injury for each.



## Code

Code falls no matter where the fall occurred.

Code each fall only once.

- If the patient has multiple injuries in a single fall, code the fall for the highest level of injury.

# Coding Instructions: J1900A. No Injury

- **Code 0, None**, if the patient had no injurious falls since the most recent SOC/ROC.
- **Code 1, One**, if the patient had one non-injurious fall since the most recent SOC/ROC.
- **Code 2, Two or more**, if the patient had two or more non-injurious falls since the most recent SOC/ROC.
- **A dash** is a valid response for this item. CMS expects dash use to be a rare occurrence.

## A. No injury:

J1900. Number of Falls Since SOC/ROC, whichever is more recent	
<b>CODING:</b> 0. None 1. One 2. Two or more	<b>↓ Enter Codes in Boxes</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>A. No injury:</b> No evidence of any injury is noted on physical assessment by the nurse or primary care clinician; no complaints of pain or injury by the patient; no change in the patient's behavior is noted after the fall
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>B. Injury (except major):</b> Skin tears, abrasions, lacerations, superficial bruises, hematomas and sprains; or any fall-related injury that causes the patient to complain of pain
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>C. Major injury:</b> Bone <b>fractures</b> , joint dislocations, closed head injuries with altered consciousness, subdural hematoma

# Definition: No Injury

- No evidence of any injury noted on assessment.
- No complaints of pain or injury by the patient.
- No change in the patient's behavior is noted after the fall.



# Coding Instructions: J1900B. Injury, Except Major

- **Code 0, None**, if the patient had no falls with injury, except major, since the most recent SOC/ROC.
- **Code 1, One**, if the patient had one fall with injury, except major, since the most recent SOC/ROC.
- **Code 2, Two or more**, if the patient had two or more falls with injury, except major, since the most recent SOC/ROC.
- **A dash** is a valid response for this item. CMS expects dash use to be a rare occurrence.

## B. Injury (except major):

J1900.	Number of Falls Since SOC/ROC, whichever is more recent	
<b>CODING:</b>	↓ Enter Codes in Boxes	
0. None	<input type="checkbox"/>	A. <b>No injury:</b> No evidence of any injury is noted on physical assessment by the nurse or primary care clinician; no complaints of pain or injury by the patient; no change in the patient's behavior is noted after the fall
1. One	<input type="checkbox"/>	B. <b>Injury (except major):</b> Skin tears, abrasions, lacerations, superficial bruises, hematomas and sprains; or any fall-related injury that causes the patient to complain of pain
2. Two or more	<input type="checkbox"/>	C. <b>Major injury:</b> Bone fractures, joint dislocations, closed head injuries with altered consciousness, subdural hematoma

# Definition: Injury (Except Major)



- Examples include:
  - Skin tears.
  - Abrasions.
  - Lacerations.
  - Superficial bruises.
  - Hematomas.
  - Sprains.
  - Any fall-related injury that causes the patient to complain of pain.



# Coding Instructions: J1900C. Major Injury

- **Code 0, None**, if the patient had no falls with major injury since the most recent SOC/ROC.
- **Code 1, One**, if the patient had one fall with major injury since the most recent SOC/ROC.
- **Code 2, Two or more**, if the patient had two or more falls with major injury since the most recent SOC/ROC.
- **A dash** is a valid response for this item. CMS expects dash use to be a rare occurrence.

## C. Major injury:

J1900. Number of Falls Since SOC/ROC, whichever is more recent	
<b>CODING:</b>	↓ Enter Codes in Boxes
0. None	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>A. No injury:</b> No evidence of any injury is noted on physical assessment by the nurse or primary care clinician; no complaints of pain or injury by the patient; no change in the patient's behavior is noted after the fall
1. One	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>B. Injury (except major):</b> Skin tears, abrasions, lacerations, superficial bruises, hematomas and sprains; or any fall-related injury that causes the patient to complain of pain
2. Two or more	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>C. Major injury:</b> Bone fractures, joint dislocations, closed head injuries with altered consciousness, subdural hematoma

# Definition: Major Injury



- Examples include:
  - Bone fractures.
  - Joint dislocations.
  - Closed head injuries with altered consciousness.
  - Subdural hematoma.



# J1900 Practice Coding Scenario 5

- Review of the clinical record and incident reports and patient and caregiver report identify that a single fall occurred since the most recent SOC/ROC.
- The fall is documented on a clinical note from an RN home visit that describes the patient Mr. R's report of a fall that occurred between visits, in which he tripped on the dog, fell against the wall, and banged his elbow, sustaining a skin tear that he treated himself.
- Documentation of the RN assessment during the home visit details the healing skin tear and no other injury or symptom identified related to the fall.



# How would you code J1800. Any Falls Since SOC/ROC?

A. Code 0, No.

B. Code 1, Yes.



# How would you code J1900. Number of Falls Since SOC/ROC?

J1900. Number of Falls Since SOC/ROC, whichever is more recent		
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	<input type="text"/>	<b>C. Major injury:</b> Bone <b>fractures</b> , joint dislocations, closed head injuries with altered consciousness, subdural hematoma

# How would you code J1900. Number of Falls Since SOC/ROC?

- A. Code J1900A = 1, J1900B = 0, J1900C = 0
- B. Code J1900A = 0, J1900B = 0, J1900C = 1
- C. Code J1900A = 0, J1900B = 1, J1900C = 0
- D. Enter a **dash** for J1900A, J1900B, and J1900C

J1900. Number of Falls Since SOC/ROC, whichever is more recent		
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	C. <b>Major injury:</b> Bone <b>fractures</b> , joint dislocations, closed head injuries with altered consciousness, subdural hematoma





# J1900 Practice Coding Scenario 6

- Review of the patient record, incident reports and patient and caregiver report identify that two falls occurred since the most recent SOC/ROC. The falls are documented on clinical notes.
- The first describes an event during which Mr. G tripped on the bathroom rug and almost fell, but caught himself against the sink. The RN assessment identified no injury.
- The second describes an event during which Mr. G, while coming up the basement stairs with the laundry, fell against the stair and sustained a bruise and laceration on his left knee.



# How would you code J1800. Any Falls Since SOC/ROC?

A. Code 0, No.

B. Code 1, Yes.





# How would you code J1900. Number of Falls Since SOC/ROC?

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- D. Enter a **dash** for J1900A, J1900B, and J1900C

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# J1900 Practice Coding Scenario 7

- Review of the patient record, incident reports and patient and caregiver report identify that a single fall occurred since the most recent SOC/ROC.
- The fall is documented on an incident report, which describes an event during which Mrs. J fell while walking from her bedroom to the bathroom and was transported to the emergency room via ambulance.
- Examination and testing revealed a skin tear on Mrs. J's left hand, bruising on both knees, and a fractured left hip.





# How would you code J1800. Any Falls Since SOC/ROC?

A. Code 0, No.

B. Code 1, Yes.



# How would you code J1900. Number of Falls Since SOC/ROC?

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# How would you code J1900. Number of Falls Since SOC/ROC?

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- B. Code J1900A = 1, J1900B = 1, J1900C = 0
- C. Code J1900A = 0, J1900B = 0, J1900C = 1
- D. Enter a **dash** for J1900A, J1900B, and J1900C

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# Summarizing J1800 and 1900

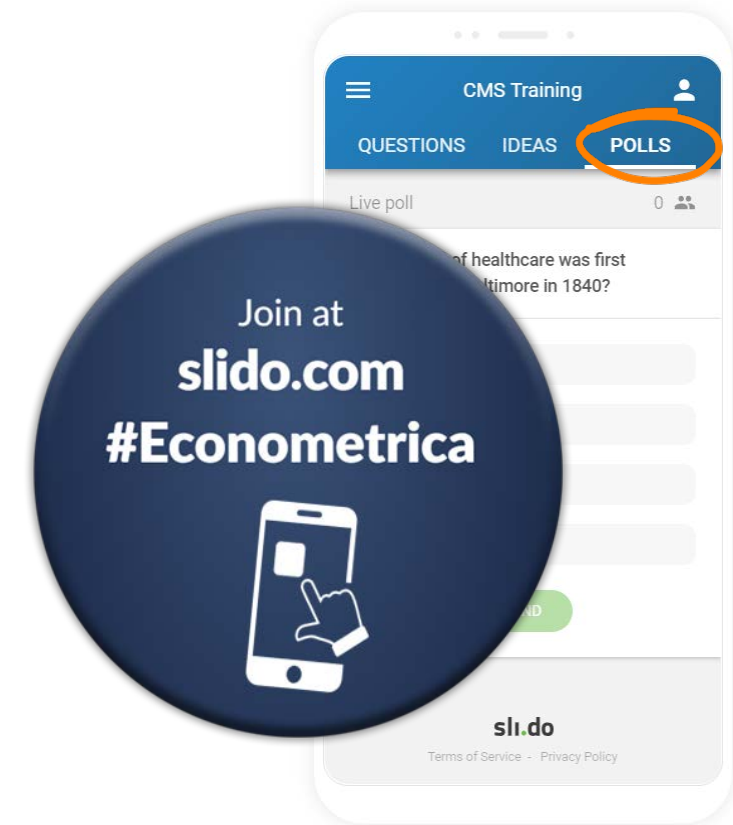
J1800 and J1900 are **not** completed at which of the following time points?

- A. Transfer.
- B. Discharge – Not to an inpatient facility.
- C. SOC/ROC.
- D. Death at home.



# Which example below does not meet the definition of a fall?

- A. Ms. T reports losing her balance while going down the stairs but catching herself on the railing to remain standing.
- B. Mrs. B's daughter reports her mother falling while walking to her mailbox.
- C. Mr. W reports falling after being pushed by his roommate.
- D. All of the above meet the fall definition.



# **Application of Percent of Residents Experiencing One or More Falls With Major Injury (National Quality Forum (NQF) #0674)**

# Application of Falls Quality Measure Description

- Reports the percentage of quality episodes in which the patient experiences one or more falls with **major injury\*** during the home health episode.



\* Bone fractures, joint dislocations, and closed-head injuries with altered consciousness, or subdural hematoma.

# Application of Falls Quality Measure Description (cont. 1)



- Cross-setting quality measure that meets the requirements of the Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation (IMPACT) Act of 2014.
- Currently adopted for the calendar year 2020 Home Health Quality Reporting Program (HH QRP).
- Data for measure calculation submitted via the OASIS.



# Application of Falls Quality Measure Description (cont. 2)

- This quality measure is based on data reported for two items:
  - **J1800** is a gateway item that asks whether the patient has experienced any falls since SOC/ROC.
  - **J1900** asks for the number of falls with (a) no injury, (b) injury (except major), and (c) major injury.
    - The measure is calculated using data reported for J1900C. Number of falls with major injury.
- This measure is not risk-adjusted.

# Numerator and Denominator

**Numerator**

The number of quality episodes in which the patient experienced one or more falls that resulted in major injury during the episode of care (J1900C = [Coding 1, 2])

=

**Denominator**

All quality episodes that are eligible except those that meet the exclusions

# Denominator Exclusions

- The quality episode is excluded if one of the following is true for all of the look-back scan assessments:

The occurrence of falls was not assessed.

OR

The assessment indicates that a fall occurred AND the number of falls with major injury was not assessed.

# Numerator Exclusions

Maternity patients.

Patients less than 18 years of age.

Non-Medicare/Medicaid patients.

Patients who are not receiving skilled home services.

# Public Reporting

- Publicly reported data for Home Health Agencies (HHAs) on CMS' Home Health Compare website require that the HHA has:
  - At least 20 observations for the quality measure.
  - Been in operation at least 6 months.



# Section J: Summary



- **J1800.** Any Falls Since SOC/ROC, and **J1900.** Number of Falls Since SOC/ROC, are completed at:
  - Transfer.
  - Discharge – Not to an inpatient facility.
  - Death at home.
- An intercepted fall is considered a fall.
- All falls are coded regardless of where the fall occurred.
- CMS does not consider anticipated losses of balance that occur during supervised therapeutic interventions as intercepted falls.



# Section J: Summary (cont.)

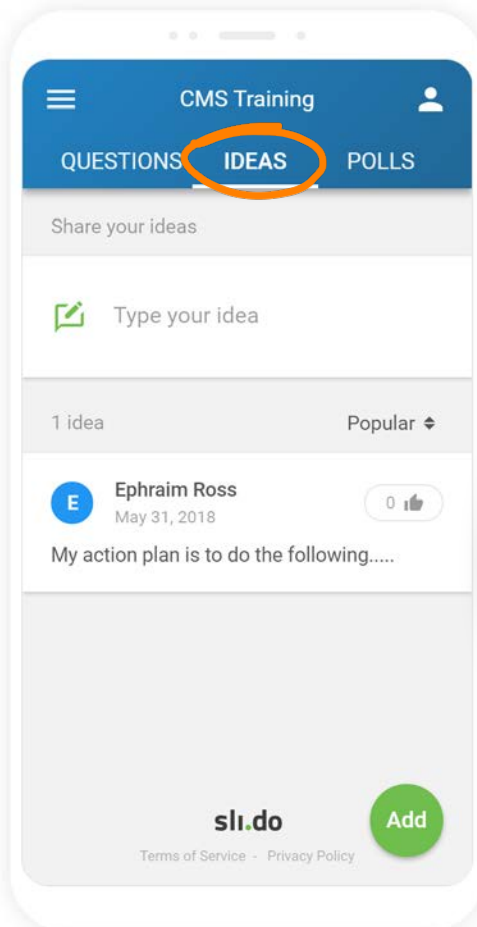


- There are three levels of fall-related injury:
  - No Injury.
  - Injury (Except Major).
  - Major Injury.
- The “Application of Falls” quality measure was adopted for the calendar year 2020 HH QRP to meet the requirements of the IMPACT Act of 2014.
  - Reports falls with **major injury** during the home health episode.

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# Questions?

