

Home Health Quality Reporting Program Provider Training



Section J: Health Conditions

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Acronyms in This Presentation

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



Learning Objectives

1

Describe the new assessment items in Section J: Health Conditions (J1800 and J1900)

2

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

J1800. Any Falls Since SOC/ROC, whichever is more recent		
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	C. Major injury: Bone fractures , joint dislocations, closed head injuries with altered consciousness, subdural hematoma

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New OASIS-D Item: J1800

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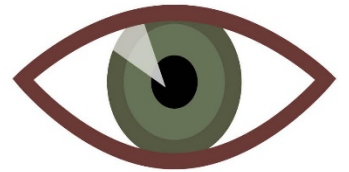
J1800 Intent

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



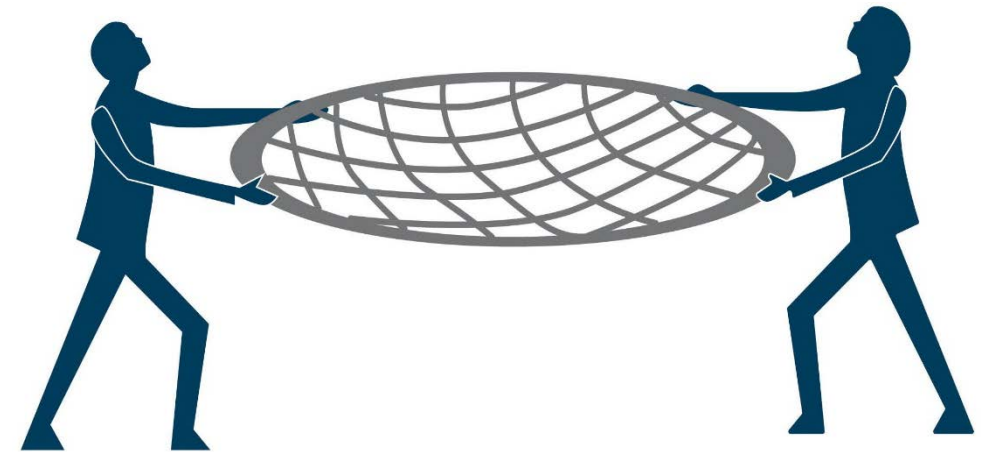
Definition of a Fall

- An unintentional change in position coming to rest on the ground, floor, or onto the next lower surface
 - For example, 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
 - For example, 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.

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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



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

J1900. Number of Falls Since SOC/ROC, whichever is more recent	
CODING: 0. None 1. One 2. Two or more	↓ Enter Codes in Boxes
	<input type="text"/> A. No injury: 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="text"/> B. Injury (except major): Skin tears, abrasions, lacerations, superficial bruises, hematomas and sprains; or any fall-related injury that causes the patient to complain of pain
	<input type="text"/> C. Major injury: Bone fractures , 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



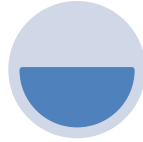
Any documented or reported injury that occurred as a result of, or was recognized within a short period of time (e.g., hours to a few days) after the fall and attributed to the fall

J1900 Response-Specific Instructions



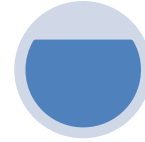
Review

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



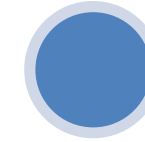
Interview

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	
CODING:	↓ Enter Codes in Boxes
0. None	<input type="checkbox"/> A. No injury: 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. Injury (except major): 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. Major injury: Bone fractures, 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	
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2. Two or more	<input type="checkbox"/> C. Major injury: 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:

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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



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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?

- 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



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2. Two or more		C. Major injury: Bone fractures , 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



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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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- 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

Knowledge Check 1: 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



Knowledge Check 2: 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])

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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



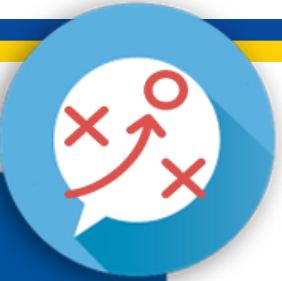
- **J1800.** Any Falls Since SOC/ROC, and **J1900.** Number of Falls Since SOC/ROC, are completed at:
 - Transfer
 - Discharge – Not to an inpatient facility
 - Death at home
- An intercepted fall is considered a fall
- All falls are coded regardless of where the fall occurred
- CMS does not consider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

Section J: Summary (cont.)

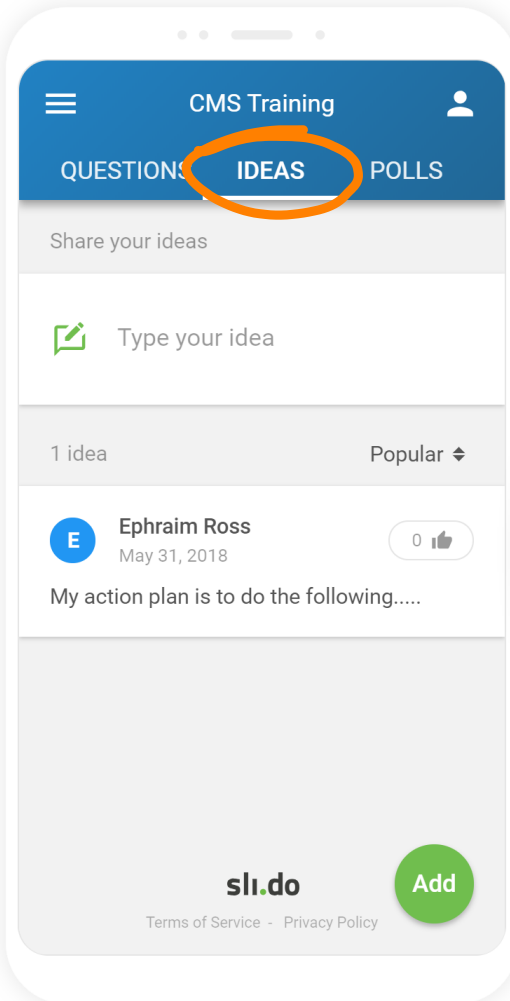


- There are three levels of fall-related injury:
 - No Injury
 - Injury (Except Major)
 - Major Injury
- The “Application of Falls” quality measure was adopted for the calendar year 2020 HH QRP to meet the requirements of the IMPACT Act of 2014
 - Reports falls with **major injury** during the home health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

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Share Your Action Plan Ideas



The screenshot shows the CMS Training app interface. At the top, there's a header with 'CMS Training' and a user profile icon. Below the header, there are three tabs: 'QUESTIONS', 'IDEAS' (which is highlighted with an orange circle), and 'POLLS'. Under the 'IDEAS' tab, there's a section titled 'Share your ideas' with a text input field labeled 'Type your idea'. Below this, there's a list of ideas. The first idea is by 'Ephraim Ross' dated 'May 31, 2018', with the text 'My action plan is to do the following.....'. At the bottom of the screen, there's a green 'Add' button and a 'slido' logo with links to 'Terms of Service' and 'Privacy Policy'.

