

Figure 6.4

Description of Medicare Skilled Nursing Facility RUG-III Classification System

Clinical Hierarchy Category (First Level)		Activities of Daily Living Index (Second Level)	End Splits (Third Level)
Rehabilitation	Ultra High Intensity Very High Intensity High Intensity Medium Intensity Low Intensity	3 Levels 3 Levels 3 Levels 3 Levels 2 Levels	(Not Used) (14 Groups)
Extensive Services		(Not Used)	Count of Services (3 Groups)
Special Care		3 Levels	(Not Used) (3 Groups)
Clinically Complex		3 Levels	Signs of Depression (6 Groups)
Impaired Cognition		2 Levels	Nursing Rehabilitation (Activity Count) (4 Groups)
Behavior Only		2 Levels	Nursing Rehabilitation (Activity Count) (4 Groups)
Physical Function Reduced		5 Levels	Nursing Rehabilitation (Activity Count) (10 Groups)

NOTE: RUG-III is Resource Utilization Groups, Version III.

SOURCE: *Federal Register (FR)*: Medicare Program: Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities; Final Rule. 63 FR (91) 26262, (May 12, 1998).