

Home Health Quality Measures – Process

Notes:

1. **Risk Adjustment:** Process measures are not risk adjusted to compensate for differences in the patient population. This is because the processes of care in the measures apply to all of the patients in the denominator (except for those patients that are identified in the denominator exclusions).
2. **“Quality Episode” Definition:** Quality episodes are used in the calculation of the quality measures. Quality episodes are not the same as payment, or Prospective Payment System (PPS) episodes. A quality episode begins with either a SOC or ROC and ends with a transfer, death, or discharge for a patient regardless of the length of time between the start and ending events.

Type	Measure Title	HH Compare	NQF Status	Risk Adjusted	Measure Description	Numerator	Denominator	Measure-specific Exclusions	OASIS-C2 Item(s) Used
Process - Timely Care	Timely Initiation of Care	Yes	Endorsed (0526)	No	Percentage of home health quality episodes in which the start or resumption of care date was either on the physician-specified date or within 2 days of the referral date or inpatient discharge date, whichever is later.	Number of home health quality episodes in which the start or resumption of care date was either on the physician-specified date or within 2 days of the referral date or inpatient discharge date, whichever is later. For a resumption of care, per the Medicare Conditions of Participation, the patient must be seen within two days of inpatient discharge, even if the physician specifies a later date	Number of home health quality episodes ending with discharge, death, or transfer to inpatient facility during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	None	(M0102) Date of Physician-ordered Start of Care (M0104) Date of Referral (M0030) Start of Care Date (M0032) Resumption of Care Date (M0100) Reason for Assessment (M1000) Inpatient Facility discharge (M1005) Inpatient Discharge Date
Process - Assessment	Depression Assessment Conducted	Yes	Endorsed (0518)	No	Percentage of home health quality episodes in which patients were screened for depression (using a standardized depression screening tool) at start/resumption of care.	Number of home health quality episodes in which patients were screened for depression (using a standardized depression screening tool) at start/resumption of care.	Number of home health quality episodes ending with discharge, death, or transfer to inpatient facility during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	Home health quality episodes for which the patient is nonresponsive.	(M1700) Cognitive Functioning (M1710) When Confused (M1720) When Anxious (M1730) Depression Screening
Process - Assessment	Multifactor Fall Risk Assessment Conducted for All Patients who Can Ambulate	Yes	Endorsed (0537)	No	Percentage of home health quality episodes in which patients had a multi-factor fall risk assessment at start/resumption of care.	Number of home health quality episodes in which patients had a multi-factor fall risk assessment at start/resumption of care.	Number of home health quality episodes ending with discharge, death, or transfer to inpatient facility during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	Home health quality episodes for which the patient is bed-fast or chair-fast.	(M1910) Multi-factor Fall Risk Assessment (M1860) Ambulation/Locomotion
Process - Care Planning	Diabetic Foot Care and Patient Education in Plan of Care	No	Not endorsed	No	Percentage of home health quality episodes in which the physician-ordered plan of care includes regular monitoring for the presence of skin lesions on the lower extremities and patient education on proper diabetic foot care.	Number of home health quality episodes in which the physician-ordered plan of care includes regular monitoring for the presence of skin lesions on the lower extremities and patient education on proper diabetic foot care.	Number of home health quality episodes ending with discharge, death, or transfer to inpatient facility during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	Home health quality episodes where patient is not diabetic OR is a bilateral amputee at start (resumption) of care.	(M2250) b. Diabetic foot care in plan of care

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Process - Care Plan Implementation	Diabetic Foot Care and Patient / Caregiver Education Implemented during All Episodes of Care	Yes	Endorsed (0519)	No	Percentage of home health quality episodes in which diabetic foot care and patient/caregiver education were included in the physician-ordered plan of care and implemented (at the time of or at any time since the most recent SOC/ROC assessment).	Number home health quality episodes during which diabetic foot care and patient/caregiver education were included in the physician-ordered plan of care and implemented (at the time of or at any time since the most recent SOC/ROC assessment).	Number of home health quality episodes ending with a discharge or transfer to inpatient facility during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	Home health quality episodes for which the discharge/transfer assessment indicates the patient is not diabetic or is a bilateral amputee, OR patient died.	(M0100) Reason for Assessment (M2401) a. Diabetic foot care intervention(s)
Process - Education	Drug Education on All Medications Provided to Patient/Caregiver during All Episodes of Care	Yes	Not endorsed	No	Percentage of home health quality episodes during which patient/caregiver was instructed on how to monitor the effectiveness of drug therapy, how to recognize potential adverse effects, and how and when to report problems (at the time of or at any time since the most recent SOC/ROC assessment).	Number of home health quality episodes during which patient/caregiver was instructed on how to monitor the effectiveness of drug therapy, how to recognize potential adverse effects, and how and when to report problems (at the time of or at any time since the most recent SOC/ROC assessment).	Number of home health quality episodes ending with a discharge or transfer to inpatient facility during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	Home health quality episodes for which the patient was not taking any drugs since the last OASIS assessment prior to transfer/discharge, OR the patient died.	(M0100) Reason for Assessment (M2016) Patient/Caregiver Drug Education Intervention
Process - Prevention	Influenza Immunization Received for Current Flu Season	Yes	Endorsed (0522)	No	Percentage of home health quality episodes during which patients received influenza immunization for the current flu season.	Number of home health quality episodes during which the patient a) received vaccination from the HHA or b) had received vaccination from HHA during earlier episode of care, or c) was determined to have received vaccination from another provider.	Number of home health quality episodes ending with a discharge or transfer to inpatient facility during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	Home health quality episodes for which no care was provided during October 1–March 31, OR the patient died, or the patient does not meet age/condition guidelines for influenza vaccine.	(M0030) Start of Care Date (M0032) Resumption of Care Date (M0906) Discharge/Transfer/Death Date (M1041) Influenza Vaccine Data Collection Period: (M1046) Influenza Vaccine Received
Process - Prevention	Influenza Immunization Offered and Refused for Current Flu Season	No	Not endorsed	No	Percentage of home health quality episodes during which patients were offered and refused influenza immunization for the current flu season.	Number of home health quality episodes during which patients were offered and refused influenza immunization for the current flu season.	Number of home health quality episodes ending with a discharge or transfer to inpatient facility during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	Home health quality episodes for which no care was provided during October 1–March 31, OR the patient died, or the patient does not meet age/condition guidelines for influenza vaccine.	(M0030) Start of Care Date (M0032) Resumption of Care Date (M0906) Discharge/Transfer/Death Date (M1041) Influenza Vaccine Data Collection Period: (M1046) Influenza Vaccine Received
Process - Prevention	Influenza Immunization Contraindicated	No	Not endorsed	No	Percentage of home health quality episodes during which patients were determined to have medical contraindication(s) to receiving influenza immunization.	Number of home health quality episodes during which patients were determined to have medical contraindication(s) to receiving influenza vaccination.	Number of home health quality episodes ending with a discharge or transfer to inpatient facility during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	Home health quality episodes for which no care was provided during October 1–March 31, OR the patient died, or the patient does not meet age/condition guidelines for influenza vaccine.	(M0030) Start of Care Date (M0032) Resumption of Care Date (M0906) Discharge/Transfer/Death Date (M1041) Influenza Vaccine Data Collection Period: (M1046) Influenza Vaccine Received
Process - Prevention	Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine Ever Received	Yes	Endorsed (0525)	No	Percentage of home health quality episodes during which patients were determined to have ever received Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine.	Number of home health quality episodes during which patients were determined to have ever received Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine.	Number of home health quality episodes ending with a discharge or transfer to inpatient facility during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	Home health quality episodes during which patient died, OR patient does not meet age/condition guidelines for Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine.	(M1051) Pneumococcal Vaccine: (M1056) Reason Pneumococcal Vaccine not received

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Process - Prevention	Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine Offered and Refused	No	Not endorsed	No	Percentage of home health quality episodes during which patients were offered and refused Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine.	Number of home health quality episodes during which patients were offered and refused Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine.	Number of home health quality episodes ending with a discharge or transfer to inpatient facility during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	Home health quality episodes during which patient died, OR patient does not meet age/condition guidelines for Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine.	(M1051) Pneumococcal Vaccine: (M1056) Reason Pneumococcal Vaccine not received
Process - Prevention	Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine Contraindicated	No	Not endorsed	No	Percentage of home health quality episodes during which patients were determined to have medical contraindication(s) to receiving Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine.	Number of home health quality episodes during which patients were determined to have medical contraindication(s) to receiving Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine.	Number of home health quality episodes ending with a discharge or transfer to inpatient facility during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	Home health quality episodes during which patient died, OR patient does not meet age/condition guidelines for Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine.	(M1051) Pneumococcal Vaccine: (M1056) Reason Pneumococcal Vaccine not received
Process- Prevention	Drug Regimen Review Conducted with Follow-Up for Identified Issues	Pending	Not Endorsed	No	The percentage of home health quality episodes in which a drug regimen review was conducted at the start of care or resumption of care and completion of recommended actions from timely follow-up with a physician occurred each time potential clinically significant medication issues were identified throughout that quality episode.	Number of quality episodes in which: 1) The agency conducted a drug regimen review at the start of care or resumption of care or the patient is not taking any medications and 2) If potential clinically significant medication issues were identified at any time during the quality episode, then the HHA contacted a physician (or physician-designee) and completed prescribed/recommended actions by midnight of the next calendar day in response to all the identified issues throughout the quality episode.	Number of quality episodes ending with a discharge or, transfer to an inpatient facility, or death at home during the reporting period.	This measure has no denominator exclusions.	M2001 (Drug Regimen Review) M2003 (Medication Follow-up) M2005 (Medication Intervention)