

Impact of Combined Assessments on SNF APU

How Medicare 5-Day and PPS Discharge Combined Assessments Affect Your Facility's APU Calculation

Best Practices to Ensure Compliance



Early Interviews

Complete resident interviews early to ensure all required MDS data elements can be completed.



No Medicare Advantage Required

Ensure that when you are completing a combined OBRA and PPS assessment that Medicare Part A (not Medicare Advantage) is the payer.



Validation Review

Review Final Validation Reports and Error Detail Reports to identify missing data that could be completed using applicable coding guidance and submit MDS corrections as needed prior to the Data Submission Deadline.

Calculating APU

MDS compliance threshold of at least 90%



Numerator

The number of assessments in the denominator with 100% of the required MDS data elements completed (i.e. items do not contain a dash).

Denominator

All Medicare 5-Day (A0310B = 01) and PPS Discharge (A0310H = 1) assessments submitted prior to the submission deadline.

Example

Resident is admitted to a SNF and is unexpectedly discharged on day 2. The SNF is able to complete all of the required MDS data elements.

MDS Assessment Meets APU Requirements

Positive impact on APU Calculation when required resident interview items are completed timely on a Medicare 5-Day/PPS Discharge Combination Assessment



- The Medicare 5-Day (A0310B = 01) assessment submitted prior to the submission deadline gets counted in the numerator because 100% of the required MDS data elements completed (i.e. items do not contain a dash).
- The PPS Discharge (A0310H = 1) assessment submitted prior to the submission deadline also gets counted in the numerator because 100% of the required MDS data elements completed (i.e. items do not contain a dash).
- The Medicare 5-Day (A0310B = 01) assessment submitted prior to the submission deadline gets counted in the denominator to complete the admission assessment requirement for the Part A stay.
- The PPS Discharge (A0310H = 1) assessment submitted prior to the submission deadline also gets counted in the denominator to complete the end of the Part A stay discharge.

Example

Resident is admitted to a SNF and is unexpectedly discharged on day 2. The SNF does not complete the resident interview item questions timely and dashes B1300 – Health Literacy.

MDS Assessment Does Not Meet APU Requirements

Negative impact on APU Calculation x2 when required resident interview items are NOT completed timely, resulting in dash use on a Medicare 5-Day/PPS Discharge Combination Assessment



- The Medicare 5-Day (A0310B = 01) assessment submitted prior to the submission deadline DOES NOT get counted in the numerator because 100% of the required MDS data elements were NOT completed (B1300 contains a dash).
- The PPS Discharge (A0310H = 1) assessment submitted prior to the submission deadline also DOES NOT get counted in the numerator because 100% of the required MDS data elements were NOT completed (B1300 contains a dash).
- The Medicare 5-Day (A0310B = 01) assessment submitted prior to the submission deadline gets counted in the denominator to meet the admission assessment requirement for the Part A stay.
- The PPS Discharge (A0310H = 1) assessment submitted prior to the submission deadline also gets counted in the denominator to complete the end of the Part A stay discharge requirement.