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| 3       | M0210   | M-6                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If a pressure ulcer is surgically closed with a flap or graft, it should be coded as a surgical wound and not as a pressure ulcer. If the flap or graft fails, continue to code it as a surgical wound until healed.</li> <li>Application of an advanced wound care dressing or skin substitute to a pressure ulcer is not a surgical procedure nor a graft or flap.</li> <li>Residents with diabetes mellitus (DM) can have a pressure, venous, arterial, or diabetic neuropathic ulcer. The primary etiology should be considered when coding whether a resident with DM has an ulcer/injury that is caused by pressure or other factors.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 3       | M0300   | M-9                                 | <p>9. If a pressure ulcer was numerically staged, then became unstageable, and is subsequently debrided sufficiently to be numerically staged, compare its numerical stage before and after it was unstageable. If the numerical stage has increased, code this pressure ulcer as <b>not “present on admission.”</b></p> <p><del>10. If a resident has a pressure ulcer/injury that was documented on admission then closed that reopens at the same stage (i.e., not a higher stage), the ulcer/injury is coded as “present on admission.”</del></p> <p>10. If a resident has a pressure ulcer/injury that was documented on admission, subsequently closed (i.e., healed), and then opens again, the ulcer/injury <b>should not be coded as “present on admission.”</b></p> <p>11. If two pressure ulcers merge, that were both “present on admission,” continue to code the merged pressure ulcer as “present on admission.” Although two merged pressure ulcers might increase the overall surface area of the ulcer, there needs to be an increase in numerical stage or a change to unstageable due to slough or eschar in order for it to be considered not “present on admission.”</p> |

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| 3       | M0300   | M-11                                | <p><b>Steps for Assessment</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Perform head-to-toe assessment. Conduct a full body skin assessment focusing on bony prominences and pressure-bearing areas (sacrum, buttocks, heels, ankles, etc.).</li> <li>2. For the purposes of coding, determine that the lesion being assessed is <b>primarily</b> related to pressure and that other conditions have been ruled out. If pressure is <b>not</b> the <b>primary</b> cause, do <b>not</b> code here.</li> <li>3. Reliance on only one descriptor is inadequate to determine the staging of a pressure injury between Stage 1 and deep tissue injury (see definition of “deep tissue injury” on page M-24<sup>7</sup>). The descriptors are similar for these two types of injuries (e.g., temperature [warmth or coolness]; tissue consistency [firm or boggy]).</li> </ol> |

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| 3       | M0300   | M-17                                | <p>3. On admission, the resident has three small Stage 2 pressure ulcers on their coccyx. Two weeks later, the coccyx is assessed. Two of the Stage 2 pressure ulcers have merged and the third has increased in numerical stage to a Stage 3 pressure ulcer.</p> <p><b>Coding:</b> The admission coding would be <b>M0300B1 as 3, and M0300B2 as 43, present on admission/entry or reentry</b>. On the subsequent assessment, the two merged pressure ulcers would be coded at <b>M0300B1 as 1, and at M0300B2 as 1, present on admission/entry or reentry</b>. The Stage 3 pressure ulcer would be <b>coded at M0300C1 as 1, and at M0300C2 as 0, not present on admission/entry or reentry</b>.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> On the subsequent assessment, two of the pressure ulcers on the coccyx have merged, but have remained at the same stage as they were at the time of admission; therefore, <b>M0300B1 and M0300B2 would be coded as 1</b>; the pressure ulcer that increased in numerical stage to a <b>Stage 3 is coded in M0300C1 as 1 and in M0300C2 as 0</b>, not present on admission/entry or reentry since the Stage 3 ulcer was not present on admission/entry or reentry and developed a deeper level of tissue damage in the time since admission.</p> |

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| 3       | M0300   | M-22                                | <p><b>Steps for Assessment</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review the medical record for documentation of a pressure ulcer/injury covered by a non- removable dressing/device.</li> <li>2. Determine the number of documented pressure ulcers/injuries covered by a non-removable dressing/device. Examples of non-removable dressings/devices include a dressing or an orthopedic device that is not to be removed per physician's order, or a cast.</li> <li>3. Identify the number of these pressure ulcers/injuries that were present on admission/entry or reentry (see page M-78 for assessment process).</li> </ol> |
| 3       | M0300   | M-23                                | <p><b>Steps for Assessment</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Determine the number of pressure ulcers that are unstageable due to slough and/or eschar.</li> <li>2. Identify the number of <b>these</b> pressure ulcers that were present on admission/entry or reentry (see page M-78 for assessment process).</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 3       | M0300   | M-28                                | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Determine the number of pressure injuries that are unstageable related to deep tissue injury.</li> <li>6. Identify the number of <b>these</b> pressure injuries that were present on admission/entry or reentry (see page M-78 for instructions).</li> <li>7. Clearly document assessment findings in the resident's medical record, and track and document appropriate wound care planning and management.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 3       | M1040   | M-33                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>M1040C</b>, Other open lesion(s) on the foot (<del>e.g., cuts, fissures</del>)</li> <li>• <b>M1040D</b>, Open lesion(s) other than ulcers, rashes, cuts (e.g., <del>bullous pemphigoid</del> <b>cancer lesion</b>)</li> <li>• <b>M1040E</b>, Surgical wound(s)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| 3       | M1040   | M-34                                | <p><b>M1040C, Other open lesion(s) on the foot</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This item is designed to capture open lesions that are located on the foot and not otherwise captured in M1040A, Infection of the foot (e.g., cellulitis, purulent drainage), or M1040B, Diabetic foot ulcer(s).</li> <li>Examples of open lesions on the foot include but are not limited to cuts or fissures.</li> <li>Do not code open lesions that are otherwise captured in other Section M items.</li> </ul> <p><b>M1040D, Open lesion(s) other than ulcers, rashes, cuts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open lesions that develop as part of a disease or condition and are not coded elsewhere on the MDS, such as wounds, bullous pemphigoid lesions, boils, cysts, and vesicles, should be coded in this item.</li> </ul> |
| 3       | M1040   | M-35                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Code pressure ulcers that require surgical intervention for closure with graft and/or flap procedures in this item (e.g., excision of pressure ulcer with myocutaneous flap). Once a pressure ulcer is excised and a graft and/or flap is applied, it is no longer considered a pressure ulcer, but a surgical wound.</li> <li>If an advanced wound care dressing or skin substitute is applied to the pressure ulcer, it is not coded as a surgical wound because its application does not require a surgical procedure.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 3       | M1200   | M-38                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>M1200F</b>, Surgical wound care</li> <li><b>M1200G</b>, Application of non-surgical dressings (with or without topical medications) other than to feet. <del>Non-surgical dressings do not include Band-Aids.</del></li> <li><b>M1200H</b>, Application of ointments/medications other than to feet</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| 3       | M1200   | M-40                                | <p><b>M1200E, Pressure ulcer/injury care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pressure ulcer care includes <b>any</b> intervention for treating pressure ulcers coded in Current Number of Unhealed Pressure Ulcers/Injuries at Each Stage (M0300A–G). Examples may include the use of topical dressings; enzymatic, mechanical or surgical debridement; wound irrigations; negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT); and/or hydrotherapy.</li> <li>Topical dressings do not include adhesive bandages (e.g., BAND-AID® bandages, wound closure strips).</li> </ul> |

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| 3       | M1200   | M-40                                | <p><b>M1200F, Surgical wound care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does not include post-operative care following eye or oral surgery.</li> <li>Surgical debridement of a pressure ulcer does not create a surgical wound. Surgical debridement is used to remove necrotic or infected tissue from the pressure ulcer in order to facilitate healing, and thus, any wound care associated with pressure ulcer debridement would be coded in <b>M1200E, Pressure ulcer/injury care</b>. The only time a surgical wound would be created is if the pressure ulcer itself was excised and a flap and/or graft used to close the pressure ulcer.</li> <li>Surgical wound care may include any intervention for treating or protecting any type of surgical wound. Examples may include topical cleansing, wound irrigation, application of antimicrobial ointments, application of dressings of any type, suture/staple removal, and warm soaks or heat application.</li> <li>Dressings do not include adhesive bandages (e.g., BAND-AID® bandages, wound closure strips).</li> <li>Surgical wound care for pressure ulcers that require surgical intervention for closure (e.g., excision of pressure ulcer with flap and/or graft coverage) can be coded in this item, as once a pressure ulcer is excised and flap and/or graft applied, it is no longer considered a pressure ulcer, but a surgical wound.</li> <li>Application of an advanced wound care dressing or skin substitute to a pressure ulcer is not coded as surgical wound care because the resident did not have a surgical procedure, and thus, any wound care associated with advanced wound care dressings or skin substitutes to a pressure ulcer would be coded in <b>M1200E, Pressure ulcer/injury care</b>.</li> </ul> |

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| 3       | M1200   | M-41                                | <p><b>M1200I, Application of dressings to the feet (with or without topical medications)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes interventions to treat any foot wound or ulcer <b>other than a pressure ulcer/injury</b>.</li> <li>Do <b>not</b> code application of dressings to pressure ulcers/injuries on the foot; use M1200E, Pressure ulcer/injury care.</li> <li>Do not code application of dressings to the ankle. The ankle is not considered part of the foot.</li> <li>Dressings do not include adhesive bandages (e.g., BAND-AID® bandages, wound closure strips).</li> </ul> |