

Home Health Quality Measures – Potentially Avoidable Events

Measure Title	HH Compare	Risk Adjusted1	Measure Description	Numerator	Denominator	Measure-specific Exclusions	OASIS C Item(s) Used
Emergent Care for Injury Caused by Fall	No	Yes	Percentage of patients who need urgent, unplanned medical care due to an injury caused by fall.	Number of home health episodes of care where the value recorded on the discharge or transfer to inpatient facility assessment indicates the patient required emergency medical treatment from a hospital emergency department for injury caused by fall.	Number of home health episodes of care 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 episodes of care for which emergency department use or reason for emergency department use is unknown at transfer or discharge.	(M2300) Emergent Care (M2310) Reason for Emergent Care
Emergent care for wound infections, deteriorating wound status	No	Yes	Percentage of home health episodes of care during which the patient required emergency medical treatment from a hospital emergency department related to a wound that is new, is worse, or has become infected.	Number of home health episodes of care where the discharge/transfer assessment indicated the patient required emergency medical treatment from a hospital emergency department related to a wound that is new, is worse, or has become infected.	Number of home health episodes of care ending with a discharge during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	Home health episodes of care for which emergency department use or reason for emergency department use is unknown at transfer or discharge.	(M2300) Emergent Care (M2310) Reason for Emergent Care
Emergent care for improper medication administration, medication side effects	No	Yes	Percentage of home health episodes of care during which the patient required emergency medical treatment from a hospital emergency department related to improper medication administration or medication side effects.	Number of home health episodes of care where the discharge/transfer assessment indicated the patient required emergency medical treatment from a hospital emergency department related to improper medication administration or medication side effects.	Number of home health episodes of care ending with a discharge during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	Home health episodes of care for which emergency department use or reason for emergency department use is unknown at transfer or discharge.	(M2300) Emergent Care (M2310) Reason for Emergent Care
Emergent care for hypo/hyperglycemia	No	Yes	Percentage of home health episodes of care during which the patient required emergency medical treatment from a hospital emergency department related to hypo/hyper-glycemia.	Number of home health episodes of care where the discharge or transfer to inpatient facility assessment indicated the patient required emergency medical treatment from a hospital emergency department related to hypo/hyper-glycemia.	Number of home health episodes of care 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 episodes of care for which emergency department use or reason for emergency department use is unknown at transfer or discharge.	(M2300) Emergent Care (M2310) Reason for Emergent Care
Development of Urinary Tract Infection	No	Yes#	Percentage of home health episodes of care during which patients developed a bladder or urinary tract infection.	Number of home health episodes of care where the discharge assessment indicates the patient has been treated for a urinary tract infection in the past 14 days.	Number of home health episodes of care ending with a discharge during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	Home health episodes of care for which the patient, at start/resumption of care, already was being treated for a urinary tract infection, OR episodes that end with inpatient facility transfer or death.	(M1600) Urinary Tract Infection

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Increase in Number of Pressure Ulcers	Yes	Yes	Percentage of home health episodes of care during which the patient had a larger number of pressure ulcers at discharge than at start of care.	Number of home health episodes of care where the discharge assessment indicates more pressure ulcers (stage II or higher, or unstageable) at discharge than at start/resumption of care.	Number of home health episodes of care ending with a discharge during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	Home health episodes of care that end with inpatient facility transfer or death.	(M1306) Unhealed Pressure Ulcer at Stage II or Higher (M1308) Current Number of Unhealed Pressure Ulcers at Each Stage
Substantial Decline in 3 or more Activities of Daily Living	No	Yes	Percentage of home health episodes of care during which the patient became substantially more dependent in at least three out of five activities of daily living.	Number of home health episodes of care where at discharge the patient was substantially more impaired in at least three of the activities listed below than at start/resumption of care: Ambulation, Toilet Transferring, Toileting Hygiene, Bed Transferring, Bathing, Grooming, and Eating.	Number of home health episodes of care ending with a discharge during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	Home health episodes of care for which the patient, at start/resumption of care, was totally or almost totally dependent in 3 of the activities listed, OR episodes that end with inpatient facility transfer or death.	(M1800) Grooming (M1830) Bathing (M1840) Toilet Transferring (M1845) Toileting Hygiene (M1850) Transferring (M1860) Ambulation/Locomotion (M1870) Eating
Substantial Decline in Management of Oral Medications	No	Yes	Percentage of home health episodes of care during which the patient's ability to take their medicines correctly (by mouth) got much worse.	Number of home health episodes of care where the value recorded on the discharge assessment indicates total dependence in management of oral medications, while the value recorded on the start/resumption of care assessment indicated total independence.	Number of home health episodes of care ending with a discharge during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	Home health episodes of care for which the patient, at start/resumption of care, was not totally independent in taking oral medicines, OR episodes that end with inpatient facility transfer or death.	(M2020) Management of Oral Medications
Discharged to the Community Needing Wound Care or Medication Assistance	No	Yes	Percentage of home health episodes of care at the end of which the patient was discharged, with no assistance available, needing wound care or medication assistance.	Number of home health episodes of care where, at discharge, patient remained in the home, did not have a live-in caregiver, and had a pressure ulcer of stage 3 or 4, or a non-healing surgical wound, or a non-healing stasis ulcer, or was totally dependent in medication administration.	Number of home health episodes of care ending with a discharge during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	Home health episodes of care for which discharge disposition is unknown at discharge, OR episodes that end with inpatient facility transfer or death.	(M2100) Types and Sources of Assistance (M2420) Discharge Disposition (M1710) When Confused (M1324) Stage of Most Problematic Unhealed (Observable) Pressure Ulcer M1334 Status of Most Problematic (Observable) Stasis Ulcer (M1342) Status of Most Problematic (Observable) Surgical Wound (M2020) Management of Oral Medications
Discharged to the Community Needing Toileting Assistance	No	Yes	Percentage of home health episodes of care at the end of which the patient was discharged, with no assistance available, needing toileting assistance.	Number of home health episodes of care where the discharge assessment indicated the patient remained in the home, was totally dependent in toileting, and did not have a live-in caregiver.	Number of home health episodes of care ending with a discharge during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	Home health episodes of care for which discharge disposition is unknown at discharge, OR episodes that end with inpatient facility transfer or death.	(M2100) Types and Sources of Assistance (M1840) Toilet Transferring (M1845) Toileting Hygiene (M2420) Discharge Disposition

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Discharged to the Community with Behavioral Problems	No	Yes	Percentage of home health episodes of care at the end of which the patient was discharged, with no assistance available, demonstrating behavior problems.	Number of home health episodes of care where the discharge assessment indicated the patient remained in the home, did not have a live-in caregiver, and demonstrated at least two behavior problems.	Number of home health episodes of care ending with a discharge during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	Home health episodes of care for which discharge disposition is unknown at discharge, OR episodes that end with inpatient facility transfer or death.	(M2100) Types and Sources of Assistance (M2420) Discharge Disposition (M1740) Cognitive, behavioral, and psychiatric symptoms
Discharged to the Community with an Unhealed Stage II Pressure Ulcer	No	Yes	Percentage of home health episodes of care at the end of which the patient was discharged with a stage II pressure ulcer that has remained unhealed for 30 days or more while a home health patient.	Number of home health episodes of care where, at discharge, patient remained in the home and had a pressure ulcer of stage II more than 30 days old, and the patient has been on service at least 30 days.	Number of home health episodes of care ending with a discharge during the reporting period, other than those covered by generic or measure-specific exclusions.	Home health episodes of care for which discharge disposition is unknown at discharge, OR episodes that end with inpatient facility transfer or death.	(M2420) Discharge Disposition (M1307) The Oldest Non-epithelialized Stage II Pressure Ulcer that is present at discharge (M0030) Start of Care Date (M0032) Resumption of Care Date: M0906) Discharge/Transfer/Death Date

¹ All Potentially Avoidable Event measures are risk adjusted. The risk adjustment methodology, using a predictive model developed specifically for each measure, compensates for differences in the patient population served by different home health agencies. The predictive model for the measure "Development of Urinary Tract Infections" did not meet the arbitrary criteria R2 >= 0.10 or C-statistic >= 0.70. This measure is designated with a pound sign (#) to highlight the fact that it has less robust risk adjustment.