



Quality Measure Tip Sheet: Influenza Vaccine—Long Stay

Quality Measure Overview

- This measure reports the percentage of long-stay residents who are given, and appropriately received, the influenza vaccine during the most recent influenza season.
- Residents who are offered and declined the influenza vaccination during the most recent influenza season. Residents who did not receive, due to medical contraindication, the influenza vaccination during the most recent influenza season.

Numerator

- Residents meeting any of the following criteria on the selected influenza vaccination assessment qualify if the:
 - Residents received the influenza vaccine during the most recent influenza season, either in the facility or outside the facility, or
 - Resident was offered and declined the influenza vaccine, or
 - Resident was ineligible due to contraindications (e.g., anaphylactic hypersensitivity to eggs or other components of the vaccine, history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome within six weeks after a previous influenza vaccination, bone marrow transplant within the past six months).

Denominator

- All long-stay residents with a selected influenza vaccination assessment. This includes all residents who have an entry date on or before March 31 of the most recently completed influenza season and have an assessment with a target date on or after October 1 of the most recently completed influenza season (i.e., the target date must fall on or between October 1 and June 30), except those with exclusions

Exclusions

- Resident's age on target date of selected influenza vaccination assessment is 179 days or less.

Consider These Questions...

- Was the MDS coded as per the *Resident Assessment Instrument* requirements?
- Are the facility staff members aware of the current influenza season?
(*Current season information is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm>*)
- Does a process exist for obtaining the required completed documentation (e.g., for consent, decline, and/or contraindicated to administer) prior to submitting the MDS?
- Does the facility have an internal tracking process to ensure that documentation is completed and available for review?
- Is the required documentation accessible to MDS prior to coding?
- Does evidence exist that the resident has been educated on the importance of receiving the vaccine?
- Does evidence exist of administration of the vaccine?

MDS Coding Requirements

In the Minimum Data Set (MDS), refer to section O:

- Did the resident receive the influenza vaccine season, code No or Yes.
- Enter the date that the influenza vaccine was received at your facility.
- If influenza vaccine was not received, state reason:
 - Resident not in the facility during this year's influenza season.
 - Received influenza vaccine outside the facility.
 - Not eligible—medical contraindication.
 - Offered and declined.
 - Not offered.
 - Inability to obtain vaccine due to a declared shortage.
 - None of the above, if none of the listed reasons apply or answer is unknown.
- If influenza vaccination status cannot be determined, administer the influenza vaccine to the resident according to standards of clinical practice.

Note: This measure is only calculated once per 12-month influenza season which begins on July 1 of a given year and ends on June 30 of the subsequent year and reports data for residents who were in the facility for at least one day during the target period of October 1 through March 31.



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