

Quality Measure Tip Sheet

Flu Vaccine (Long Stay)

MDS Coding Requirements

- Once the influenza vaccination has been administered for the current flu season, this value is carried forward until the new influenza season begins.
- Information about the current influenza season can be obtained by accessing the CDC Seasonal Influenza (Flu) website.
- Residents should be immunized as soon as the vaccine becomes available and continue until influenza is no longer circulating in your geographic area.
- Facilities can also contact their local health department website for local influenza surveillance information.

Notes

- This measure is not reported on CASPER. It is found on Nursing Home Compare
- When looking at this measure, the higher the percentage the better.
- 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 for residents who were in the facility for at least one day during the target period of October 1 through March 31.

Ask These Questions

MDS

- Was the MDS coded as per the Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Requirements? Coding O0250C as either "not offered" or with a dash [-] will cause the resident to trigger this measure.
- Is the required documentation accessible to MDS prior to coding?
- Does a process exist for obtaining the required completed documentation prior to submitting the MDS?

Assessing Needs

- Are the facility staff members aware of the current influenza season?
- If the resident is unaware of receiving the vaccine, was the responsible party or physician asked to determine flu vaccine status? If vaccine status cannot be determined, administer the vaccine to the resident.

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Surveillance Tracking

- Does the facility have an internal tracking process to ensure that documentation is completed and available for review?
- Does evidence exist that the resident and/or responsible party has been educated on the importance of receiving the vaccine?
- Does evidence exist of administration of the vaccine?