



Quality Measure Tip Sheet: Influenza Vaccine—Long Stay

Quality Measure Overview

- This measure reports the percentage of long-stay residents who are given, appropriately, the influenza vaccine during the most recent influenza season.
- 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).

Exclusions

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

MDS Coding Requirements

In the Minimum Data Set (MDS):

- Code the reason if the resident did not receive the vaccine, as follows:
 - 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.

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.



Ask 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 www.cdc.gov.)*)
- 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?

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