



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 a year (with a target period of October 1 of the prior year to June 30 of the current year) and reports for the October 1 through March 31 influenza season.



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?

