

2021 HEDIS® Advanced Illness and Frailty Exclusions Guide

The National Committee for Quality Assurance allows additional exclusions to Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set, or HEDIS®, star measures for patients with advanced illness and frailty.

Services measured by NCQA may not benefit older adults with limited life expectancy and advanced illness. Also, unnecessary tests or treatments could burden these patients or even be harmful. NCQA wants providers to focus on appropriate care for their patients.

BILLING CODES

Telehealth, telephone visits, e-visits and virtual check-ins are acceptable when used to exclude a patient using the advanced illness and frailty category when documented and the exclusion code is billed properly. Other components of the specification must be met, such as claims with advanced illness diagnosis on two different dates of service in the prior year or measurement year **and** frailty claim in the measurement year, as well as measure-specific ages.

This guide includes:

- Billing codes for advanced illness exclusions, and dementia medication descriptions and names
- Billing codes for frailty exclusions

Remember that use of HEDIS-approved billing codes can substantially reduce medical record requests for HEDIS data collection purposes.

STAR MEASURE EXCLUSION CRITERIA

Codes must be billed in the measurement year or the year prior to exclude the patient from the star measures in the table below.

| Patients 66 and older can be excluded from these measures if they have both advanced illness and frailty | Patients 66 to 80 can be excluded from these measures if they have both advanced illness and frailty | Patients 67 to 80 can be excluded from these measures if they have both advanced illness and frailty | Patients 81 and older can be excluded from these measures if they only have frailty |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breast cancer screening (BCS) • Colorectal cancer screening (COL) • Comprehensive diabetes care (CDC) • Statin therapy for patients with cardiovascular disease (SPC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controlling high blood pressure (CBP) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Osteoporosis management in women who had a fracture (OMW) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controlling high blood pressure (CBP) • Osteoporosis management in women who had a fracture (OMW) |

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| Advanced illness | |
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| ICD-10-CM code | Definition |
| A81.00-01, A81.09 | Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease |
| C25.0-4, 7-9 | Malignant neoplasm of pancreas |
| C71.0-9 | Malignant neoplasm of brain |
| C77.0-5, 8-9 | Secondary and unspecified malignant neoplasm of lymph nodes |
| C78.00-2 | Secondary malignant neoplasm of lung |
| C78.1 | Secondary malignant neoplasm of mediastinum |
| C78.2 | Secondary malignant neoplasm of pleura |
| C78.30, C78.39 | Secondary malignant neoplasm of unspecified or other respiratory organs |
| C78.4 | Secondary malignant neoplasm of small intestine |
| C78.5 | Secondary malignant neoplasm of large intestine and rectum |
| C78.6 | Secondary malignant neoplasm of retroperitoneum and peritoneum |
| C78.7 | Secondary malignant neoplasm of liver and intrahepatic bile duct |
| C78.80, C78.89 | Secondary malignant neoplasm of unspecified or other digestive organs |
| C79.00-2 | Secondary malignant neoplasm of kidney and renal pelvis |
| C79.10-1, C79.19 | Secondary malignant neoplasm of bladder and other urinary organs |
| C79.2 | Secondary malignant neoplasm of skin |
| C79.31 | Secondary malignant neoplasm of brain |
| C79.32 | Secondary malignant neoplasm of cerebral meninges |
| C79.40, C79.49 | Secondary malignant neoplasm of unspecified or other parts of nervous system |
| C79.51-2 | Secondary malignant neoplasm of bone or bone marrow |
| C79.60-2 | Secondary malignant neoplasm of ovary |
| C79.70-2 | Secondary malignant neoplasm of adrenal gland |
| C79.81-2 | Secondary malignant neoplasm of breast or genital organs |
| C79.89, C79.9 | Secondary malignant neoplasm of unspecified or other sites |
| C91.00, C92.00, C93.00, C93.90, C93.Z0, C94.30 | Leukemia not having achieved remission |
| C91.02, C92.02, C93.02, C93.92, C93.Z2, C94.32 | Leukemia in relapse |

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| ICD-10-CM code | Definition |
| F01.50, F01.51, F02.80, F02.81, F03.90, F03.91, F10.27, F10.97, G31.09, G31.83 | Dementia |
| F04 | Amnestic disorder due to known physiological condition |
| F10.96 | Alcohol-induced persisting amnestic disorder |
| G30.0, G30.1, G30.8, G30.9 | Alzheimer's disease |
| G10 | Huntington's disease |
| G12.21 | Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis |
| G20 | Parkinson's disease |
| G31.01 | Pick's disease |
| I09.81, I11.0, I13.0, I13.2, I50.20, I50.21, I50.22, I50.23, I50.30, I50.31, I50.32, I50.33, I50.40, I50.41, I50.42, I50.43, I50.810, I50.811, I50.812, I50.813, I50.814, I50.82, I50.83, I50.84, I50.89, I50.9 | Heart failure |
| I12.0, I13.11, I13.2, N18.5 | Chronic kidney disease, stage 5 |
| I50.1 | Left ventricular failure, unspecified |
| J43.0, J43.1, J43.2, J43.8, J43.9, J98.2, J98.3 | Emphysema |
| J68.4 | Chronic respiratory conditions due to chemicals, gases, fumes and vapors |
| J84.10, J84.112, J84.17, J84.170, J84.178 | Pulmonary fibrosis |
| J96.10, J96.11, J96.12, J96.20, J96.21, J96.22, J96.90, J96.91, J96.92 | Respiratory failure |
| K70.10, K70.11, K70.2, K70.30, K70.31, K70.40, K70.41, K70.9 | Alcoholic hepatic disease |
| K74.0, K74.1, K74.2, K74.4, K74.5, K74.60, K74.69 | Hepatic disease |
| L89.0-9 | Pressure ulcer |
| N18.6 | End stage renal disease |

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| Dementia medications | |
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| Description | Prescription |
| Cholinesterase inhibitors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donepezil • Galantamine • Rivastigmine |
| Miscellaneous central nervous system agents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memantine |
| Dementia combinations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donepezil-memantine |

| Frailty | |
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| CPT code* | Definition |
| 99504 | Home visit for mechanical ventilation care |
| 99509 | Home visit for assistance with activities of daily living and personal care |

| Frailty | |
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| HCPCS code | Definition |
| E0100, E0105 | Cane |
| E0130, E0135, E0140, E0141, E0143, E0144, E0147-9 | Walker |
| E0163, E0165, E0167-71 | Commode chair |
| E0250, E0251, E0255, E0256, E0260, E0261, E0265, E0266, E0270, E0290-7, E0301-4 | Hospital bed |
| E0424, E0425, E0430, E0431, E0433, E0434, E0435, E0439, E0440-4 | Oxygen |
| E0462 | Rocking bed with or without side rails |
| E0465, E0466 | Home ventilator |
| E0470-2 | Respiratory assist device |
| E0561, E0562 | Humidifier used with positive airway pressure device |
| E1130, E1140, E1150, E1160, E1161, E1240, E1250, E1260, E1270, E1280, E1285, E1290, E1295-8 | Wheelchair |
| G0162, G0299, G0300, G0493, G0494 | Skilled RN services related to home health/hospice setting |
| S0271 | Physician management of patient home care, hospice |
| S0311 | Management and coordination for advanced illness |
| S9123, S9124, T1000-5, T1019-22, T1030, T1031 | Nursing, respite care and personal care services |

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| L89.119, L89.139, L89.149, L89.159, L89.209, L89.309, L89.899, L89.90 | Pressure ulcer |
| M62.50 | Muscle wasting and atrophy, not elsewhere classified, unspecified state |
| M62.81 | Muscle weakness (generalized) |
| M62.84 | Sarcopenia |
| R26.0 | Ataxic gait |
| R26.1 | Paralytic gait |
| R26.2 | Difficulty in walking, not elsewhere classified |
| R26.89 | Other abnormalities of gait and mobility |
| R26.9 | Unspecified abnormalities of gait and mobility |
| R41.81 | Age-related cognitive decline |
| R53.1 | Weakness |
| R53.81 | Other malaise |
| R53.83 | Other fatigue |
| R54 | Age-related physical debility |
| R62.7 | Adult failure to thrive |
| R63.4 | Abnormal weight loss |
| R63.6 | Underweight |
| R64 | Cachexia |
| W01.0XXA – W01.198S W06.XXXA – W10.9XXS W18.00XA – W19.XXXS | Fall |
| Y92.199 | Unspecified place in other specified residential institution as the place of occurrence of the external cause |
| Z59.3 | Problems related to living in residential institution |
| Z73.6 | Limitation of activities due to disability |
| Z74.01 | Bed confinement status |
| Z74.09 | Other reduced mobility |
| Z74.1 | Need for assistance with personal care |
| Z74.2 | Need for assistance at home and no other household member able to render care |
| Z74.3 | Need for continuous supervision |
| Z74.8 | Other problems related to care provider dependency |
| Z74.9 | Problem related to care provider dependency, unspecified |

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| ICD-10-CM code | Definition |
| Z91.81 | History of falling |
| Z99.11 | Dependence on respirator [ventilator] status |
| Z99.3 | Dependence on wheelchair |
| Z99.81 | Dependence on supplemental oxygen |
| Z99.89 | Dependence on other enabling machines and devices |

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