

HEDIS® Advanced Illness and Frailty Exclusions

EXCLUSION DESCRIPTION

Advanced illness and frailty exclusions are specified in HEDIS® measures where the services being captured may not be of benefit for this population or may not be in line with the persons' goals of care.¹ By implementing these exclusions, providers can focus on more appropriate care for their patients' conditions and health status:

Persons are excluded from select HEDIS® measures when there is:

- Advanced Illness: A severe chronic condition that causes general health and function decline, evidenced by two indications of advanced illness on at least two different dates of service OR a dispensed dementia medication during the measurement period or the year prior to the measurement period
- Frailty: Limited mobility or physical functional impairment that may require the use of durable medical equipment, evidenced by two indications of frailty with different dates of service during the measurement period²

APPLICABLE MEASURES

Persons are excluded if the following apply:

Exclusion criteria	HEDIS® measure
Persons 66 years of age or older by the last day of the measurement period, with both advanced illness and frailty	Blood Pressure Control for Patients With Diabetes Breast Cancer Screening Colorectal Cancer Screening Eye Exam for Patients With Diabetes Glycemic Status Assessment for Patients With Diabetes Osteoporosis Screening in Older Women Statin Therapy for Patients With Cardiovascular Disease Statin Therapy for Patients With Diabetes Use of Imaging Studies for Low Back Pain
Persons 66-80 years of age by the last day of the measurement period, with both advanced illness and frailty	Adherence to Antipsychotic Medications for Individuals With Schizophrenia Blood Pressure Control for Patients With Hypertension Cardiac Rehabilitation Controlling High Blood Pressure Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients With Diabetes Persistence of Beta-Blocker Treatment After a Heart Attack
Persons 67-80 years of age as of the last day of the measurement period, with both advanced illness and frailty	Osteoporosis Management in Women Who Had a Fracture
Persons 81 years of age and older as of the last day of the measurement period, with frailty	Adherence to Antipsychotic Medications for Individuals With Schizophrenia Blood Pressure Control for Patients With Hypertension Cardiac Rehabilitation Controlling High Blood Pressure Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients With Diabetes Osteoporosis Management in Women Who Had a Fracture Persistence of Beta-Blocker Treatment After a Heart Attack

CODING³

For advanced illness, use the appropriate code:

Alcoholic fibrosis and cirrhosis of the liver

ICD10CM⁴ | K70.30, K70.31, K74.4, K74.5, K74.60, K74.69

Alzheimer's disease

ICD10CM | G30.0, G30.1, G30.8, G30.9

Chronic and acute heart failure, various stages

ICD10CM | 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

Chronic renal disease

ICD10CM | I12.0, I13.11, I13.2, N18.6

Chronic respiratory failure

ICD10CM | J96.10, J96.11, J96.12, J96.20, J96.21, J96.22

Dementia

ICD10CM | F01.50, F01.511, F01.518, F01.52, F01.53, F01.54, F01.A0, F01.A11, F01.A18, F01.A2, F01.A3, F01.A4, F01.B0, F01.B11, F01.B18, F01.B2, F01.B3, F01.B4, F01.C0, F01.C11, F01.C18, F01.C2, F01.C3, F01.C4, F02.80, F02.811, F02.818, F02.82, F02.83, F02.84, F02.A0, F02.A11, F02.A18, F02.A2, F02.A3, F02.A4, F02.B0, F02.B11, F02.B18, F02.B2, F02.B3, F02.B4, F02.C0, F02.C11, F02.C18, F02.C2, F02.C3, F02.C4, F03.90, F03.911, F03.918, F03.92, F03.93, F03.94, F03.A0, F03.A11, F03.A18, F03.A2, F03.A3, F03.A4, F03.B0, F03.B11, F03.B18, F03.B2, F03.B3, F03.B4, F03.C0, F03.C11, F03.C18, F03.C2, F03.C3, F03.C4, F10.27, F10.97

Emphysema

ICD10CM | J43.0, J43.1, J43.2, J43.8, J43.9, J98.2, J98.3

Hepatitis

ICD10CM | K70.10, K70.11

Hypertensive heart disease

ICD10CM | I11.0

Leukemia

ICD10CM | C91.00, C91.02, C92.00, C92.02, C93.00, C93.02, C93.90, C93.92, C93.Z0, C93.Z2, C94.30, C94.32

Malignant neoplasms of specific sites

ICD10CM | C25.0, C25.1, C25.2, C25.3, C25.4, C25.7, C25.8, C25.9, C71.0, C71.1, C71.2, C71.3, C71.4, C71.5, C71.6, C71.7, C71.8, C71.9, C77.0, C77.1, C77.2, C77.3, C77.4, C77.5, C77.8, C77.9, C78.00, C78.01, C78.02, C78.1, C78.2, C78.30, C78.39, C78.4, C78.5, C78.6, C78.7, C78.80, C78.89, C79.00, C79.01, C79.02, C79.10, C79.11, C79.19, C79.2, C79.31, C79.32, C79.40, C79.49, C79.51, C79.52, C79.60, C79.61, C79.62, C79.63, C79.70, C79.71, C79.72, C79.81, C79.82, C79.89, C79.9

Parkinson's disease

ICD10CM | G20.A1, G20.A2, G20.B1, G20.B2

Pulmonary fibrosis

ICD10CM | J84.10, J84.112

Rheumatic heart failure

ICD10CM | I09.81

For frailty, use the appropriate code*:

Ataxic gait

ICD10CM | R26.89, R26.9

Cane, walker, wheelchairHCPCS⁵ | E0100, E0105, E0130, E0135, E0140, E0141, E0143, E0144, E0147, E0148, E0149, E1130, E1140, E1150, E1160, E1161, E1170, E1171, E1172, E1180, E1190, E1195, E1200, E1220, E1240, E1250, E1260, E1270, E1280, E1285, E1290, E1295, E1296, E1297, E1298**Commode chair***

HCPCS | E0163, E0165, E0167, E0168, E0170, E0171

Dependence on enabling machines and devices

ICD10CM | Z99.11, Z99.3, Z99.81, Z99.89

Difficulty in walking	
ICD10CM	R26.2
Falls	
ICD10CM	R29.6, W01.0XXA, W01.0XXD, W01.0XXS, W01.10XA, W01.10XD, W01.10XS, W01.110A, W01.110D, W01.110S, W01.111A, W01.111D, W01.111S, W01.118A, W01.118D, W01.118S, W01.119A, W01.119D, W01.119S, W01.190A, W01.190D, W01.190S, W01.198A, W01.198D, W01.198S, W06.XXXA, W06.XXXD, W06.XXXS, W07.XXXA, W07.XXXD, W07.XXXS, W08.XXXA, W08.XXXD, W08.XXXS, W10.0XXA, W10.0XXD, W10.0XXS, W10.1XXA, W10.1XXD, W10.1XXS, W10.2XXA, W10.2XXD, W10.2XXS, W10.8XXA, W10.8XXD, W10.8XXS, W10.9XXA, W10.9XXD, W10.9XXS, W18.00XA, W18.00XD, W18.00XS, W18.02XA, W18.02XD, W18.02XS, W18.09XA, W18.09XD, W18.09XS, W18.11XA, W18.11XD, W18.11XS, W18.12XA, W18.12XD, W18.12XS, W18.2XXA, W18.2XXD, W18.2XXS, W18.30XA, W18.30XD, W18.30XS, W18.31XA, W18.31XD, W18.31XS, W18.39XA, W18.39XD, W18.39XS, W19.XXXA, W19.XXXD, W19.XXXS, Z91.81
Home ventilator	
HCPCS	E0465, E0466
Hospital bed*	
HCPCS	E0250, E0251, E0255, E0256, E0260, E0261, E0265, E0266, E0270, E0290, E0291, E0292, E0293, E0294, E0295, E0296, E0297, E0301, E0302, E0303, E0304
Nursing care in home	
HCPCS	S9123, S9124, T1030, T1031
Portable and stationary oxygen*	
HCPCS	E0424, E0430, E0431, E0433, E0434, E0435, E0439, E0440, E0441, E0442, E0443, E0444
Pressure ulcer	
ICD10CM	L89.000, L89.009, L89.019, L89.020, L89.029, L89.100, L89.109, L89.110, L89.119, L89.120, L89.129, L89.130, L89.139, L89.140, L89.149, L89.150, L89.159, L89.200, L89.209, L89.210, L89.219, L89.220, L89.229, L89.300, L89.309, L89.310, L89.319, L89.320, L89.329, L89.40, L89.45, L89.500, L89.509, L89.510, L89.519, L89.520, L89.529, L89.600, L89.609, L89.610, L89.619, L89.620, L89.629, L89.810, L89.819, L89.890, L89.899, L89.90, L89.95
Nursing care and services	
HCPCS	G0299, G0300, G0493, G0494, S9123, S9124, T1000, T1001, T1004, T1019, T1020, T1030, T1031
Weight loss or underweight	
ICD10CM	R63.4, R63.6

MEDICATIONS

Dementia medications	
Cholinesterase inhibitors	Donepezil, Galantamine, Rivastigmine
Miscellaneous central nervous system agents	Memantine
Dementia combinations	Donepezil-memantine

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