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# **Patient-Driven Payment Model (PDPM) Long-Term Care (LTC) Calculation Worksheet**

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## 1. Overview

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The purpose of this Patient-Driven Payment Model (PDPM) for Long-Term Care calculation worksheet is to illustrate how a resident is classified for payment purposes under PDPM LTC.

In the PDPM LTC, there are two case-mix adjusted components: Non-Therapy Ancillary (NTA), and Nursing. Each resident is to be classified into one and only one group for each of the case-mix adjusted components. In other words, each resident is classified into an NTA group, and a nursing group. For both case-mix adjusted components, there are a number of groups to which a resident may be assigned, based on the relevant MDS 3.0 data for that component. There are 3 NTA groups, and 6 nursing groups. Additionally, PDPM LTC applies one of two cognitive levels based on BIMS and cognitive status.



**NOTE:** Instructions for completing the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 are included in the Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Manual found at the following link on the CMS.gov website: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/quality/nursing-home-improvement/resident-assessment-instrument-manual>

## 2. Calculation of PDPM LTC Cognitive Level

One of two PDPM LTC cognitive levels is assigned based on the Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) or the cognitive status.

- Cognitive level Y = Severely Impaired or Moderately Impaired
- Cognitive level X = Cognitively Intact or Mildly Impaired

If C0100 is 1 = Yes and C0500 is dash (-), indicating the assessment was not completed, the RAI Manual instructs the assessor to not complete the Staff Assessment. In this scenario, the BIMS score will be defaulted to X.

### STEP #1

Determine the resident's BIMS Summary Score on the MDS 3.0 based on the resident interview. The BIMS involves the following items:

- C0200 Repetition of three words
- C0300 Temporal orientation
- C0400 Recall

Item C0500 provides a BIMS Summary Score that ranges from 00 to 15. If the resident interview is not successful, then the BIMS Summary Score will equal 99.

Calculate the resident's PDPM cognitive level using the following mapping:

**Table 1: Calculation of PDPM Level from BIMS**

| PDPM Cognitive Level | BIMS Score |
|----------------------|------------|
| Cognitively Intact   | 13-15      |
| Mildly Impaired      | 8-12       |
| Moderately Impaired  | 0-7        |
| Severely Impaired    | -          |

BIMS Score of 8 - 15 indicating Cognitive Level of Cognitively Intact or Mildly Impaired = PDPM LTC Cognitive Level value X.

BIMS Score of dash (-) or 0 - 7 indicating Cognitive Level of Moderately or Severely Impaired = PDPM LTC Cognitive Level value Y.

**PDPM Cognitive Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If the resident's Summary Score is 99 (resident interview not successful) or the Summary Score is blank (resident interview not attempted and skipped) or the Summary Score has a**

**dash value (not assessed), then proceed to Step #2 to use the staff assessment for PDPM cognitive level.**

## STEP #2

If the resident's Summary Score is 99 or the Summary Score is blank or has a dash value, then determine the resident's cognitive status based on the staff assessment for PDPM cognitive level using the following steps:



**NOTE:** When evaluating Section GG, use Column 1. Admission Performance when A0310A = 01 Admission. For all other OBRA assessments (A0310A = 02 – 06) use Column 5, OBRA/Interim Performance.

- A. The resident classifies as severely impaired if one of following conditions exist:
  - a. Comatose (B0100 = 1) and completely dependent or activity did not occur at admission (GG0130A, GG0130C, GG0170B, GG0170C, GG0170D, GG0170E, and GG0170F, all equal 01, 09, or 88).
  - b. Severely impaired cognitive skills for daily decision making (C1000 = 3).
- B. If the resident is not severely impaired based on Sub-step A, then determine the resident's Basic Impairment Count and Severe Impairment Count.

For each of the conditions below that applies, add one to the Basic Impairment Count.

- a. In Cognitive Skills for Daily Decision Making, the resident has modified independence or is moderately impaired (C1000 = 1 or 2).
- b. In Makes Self Understood, the resident is usually understood, sometimes understood, or rarely/never understood (B0700 = 1, 2, or 3).
- c. Based on the Staff Assessment for Mental Status, resident has memory problem (C0700 = 1).

Sum a., b., and c. to get the Basic Impairment Count: \_\_\_\_\_

For each of the conditions below that applies, add one to the Severe Impairment Count.

- a. In Cognitive Skills for Daily Decision Making, resident is moderately impaired (C1000 = 2).
- b. In Makes Self Understood, resident is sometimes understood or rarely/never understood (B0700 = 2 or 3).

Sum a. and b. to get the Severe Impairment Count: \_\_\_\_\_

- C. The resident classifies as moderately impaired if the Severe Impairment Count is 1 or 2 and the Basic Impairment Count is 2 or 3.
- D. The resident classifies as mildly impaired if the Severe Impairment Count is 0 and the Basic Impairment Count is 1, 2, or 3.

- E. The resident classifies as cognitively intact if both the Severe Impairment Count and Basic Impairment Count are 0.

If the resident classifies as Severely Impaired or Moderately Impaired based on Step #2 A the PDPM LTC Cognitive Level = Y.

For any other level of Cognitive Impairment based on Step #2 (Cognitively Intact, or Mildly Impaired) the PDPM LTC Cognitive Level = X.

**PDPM LTC Cognitive Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Payment Component: NTA

#### STEP #1

Determine whether resident has one or more NTA-related comorbidities.

1. Determine whether the resident meets the criteria for the comorbidity: "Parenteral/IV Feeding – High Intensity" or the comorbidity: "Parenteral/IV Feeding – Low Intensity". To do so, first determine if the resident received parenteral/IV feeding during the last 7 days while a resident of the NF using item K0520A3 (While a Resident). If the resident did not receive parenteral/IV feeding during the last 7 days while a resident, then the resident does not meet the criteria for Parenteral/IV Feeding – High Intensity or Parenteral/IV Feeding – Low Intensity.

If the resident did receive parenteral/IV feeding during the last 7 days while a resident, then use item K0710A to determine if the proportion of total calories the resident received through parenteral or tube feeding was 51% or more while a resident (K0710A2 = 3). If K0710A2 = 3 then the resident meets the criteria for Parenteral/IV Feeding – High Intensity. If the proportion of total calories the resident received through parenteral or tube feeding was 26-50% (K0710A2 = 2) and average fluid intake per day by IV or tube feeding was 501 cc per day or more while a resident (K0710B2 = 2), then the resident qualifies for Parenteral/IV Feeding – Low Intensity.

Presence of Parenteral/IV Feeding – High Intensity? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_

Presence of Parenteral/IV Feeding – Low Intensity? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Determine whether the resident has any additional NTA-related comorbidities. To do this, examine the conditions and services in the table below. For conditions and services that are recorded in Section I8000 of the MDS, check if the corresponding ICD-10- CM codes are coded in Section I8000 using the mapping available at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/prospective-payment-systems/skilled-nursing-facility-snf/patient-driven-model>

**Table 12: NTA Comorbidity Score Calculation**

| Condition/Extensive Service   | MDS Item                  | Points |
|---|---------------------------|--------|
| Parenteral IV Feeding: Level High   | K0520A3, K0710A2          | 7      |
| Special Treatments/Programs:<br>Intravenous Medication Post-admit<br>Code | O0110H1b                  | 5      |
| Special Treatments/Programs: Invasive<br>Mechanical Ventilator            | O0110F1b                  | 4      |
| Parenteral IV feeding: Level Low  | K0520A3, K0710A2, K0710B2 | 3      |
| Lung Transplant Status  | I8000                     | 3      |
| Special Treatments/Programs:<br>Transfusion Post-admit Code               | O0110I1b                  | 2      |

| Condition/Extensive Service  | MDS Item | Points |
|--|----------|--------|
| Major Organ Transplant Status, Except Lung                               | I8000    | 2      |
| Active Diagnoses: Multiple Sclerosis Code                                | I5200    | 2      |
| Opportunistic Infections   | I8000    | 2      |
| Active Diagnoses: Asthma COPD Chronic Lung Disease Code                  | I6200    | 2      |
| Bone/Joint/Muscle Infections/Necrosis - Except: Aseptic Necrosis of Bone | I8000    | 2      |
| Chronic Myeloid Leukemia   | I8000    | 2      |
| Wound Infection Code   | I2500    | 2      |
| Active Diagnoses: Diabetes Mellitus (DM) Code                            | I2900    | 2      |
| Endocarditis   | I8000    | 1      |
| Immune Disorders   | I8000    | 1      |
| End-Stage Liver Disease  | I8000    | 1      |
| Narcolepsy and Cataplexy   | I8000    | 1      |
| Cystic Fibrosis  | I8000    | 1      |
| Special Treatments/Programs: Tracheostomy Care While a Resident          | O0110E1b | 1      |
| Active Diagnoses: Multi-Drug Resistant Organism (MDRO) Code              | I1700    | 1      |
| Special Treatments/Programs: Isolation While a Resident                  | O0110M1b | 1      |
| Specified Hereditary Metabolic/Immune Disorders                          | I8000    | 1      |
| Morbid Obesity   | I8000    | 1      |
| Special Treatments/Programs: Radiation While a Resident                  | O0110B1b | 1      |
| Highest Stage of Unhealed Pressure Ulcer - Stage 4                       | M0300D1  | 1      |
| Psoriatic Arthropathy and Systemic Sclerosis                             | I8000    | 1      |
| Chronic Pancreatitis   | I8000    | 1      |



| Condition/Extensive Service   | MDS Item               | Points |
|---|------------------------|--------|
| Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy and Vitreous Hemorrhage  | I8000                  | 1      |
| Other Foot Skin Problems: Foot Infection Code, Diabetic Foot Ulcer Code, Other Open Lesion on Foot Code | M1040A, M1040B, M1040C | 1      |
| Complications of Specified Implanted Device or Graft  | I8000                  | 1      |
| Bladder and Bowel Appliances: Intermittent catheterization  | H0100D                 | 1      |
| Inflammatory Bowel Disease  | I1300                  | 1      |
| Aseptic Necrosis of Bone  | I8000                  | 1      |

## STEP #2

Calculate the resident's total NTA score using the table above. To calculate the total NTA score, sum the points corresponding to each condition or service present. If none of these conditions or services is present, the resident's score is 0.

**NTA Score:** \_\_\_\_\_

## STEP #3

Determine the resident's NTA group using the table below.

**Table 13: NTA Case-Mix Groups**

| NTA Score Range | NTA Case-Mix Group |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| $\geq 9$        | 1                  |
| 3 – 8           | 2                  |
| 0 – 2           | 3                  |

**PDPM LTC NTA Classification:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Payment Component: Nursing

### STEP #1

Calculate the resident's Function Score for nursing payment.

When A0310A = 1 Admission, use the following table to determine the Function Score for Eating Admission Performance (GG0130A1), Toileting Hygiene Admission Performance (GG0130C1), Sit to Lying Admission Performance (GG0170B1), Lying to Sitting on Side of Bed Admission Performance (GG0170C1), Sit to Stand Admission Performance (GG0170D1), Chair/Bed-to-Chair Transfer Admission Performance (GG0170E1), and Toilet Transfer Admission Performance (GG0170F1).

**Table 14: Function Score for Nursing Payment – Admission**

| Admission Performance (Column 1) = | Function Score = |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| 05, 06                             | 4                |
| 04                                 | 3                |
| 03                                 | 2                |
| 02                                 | 1                |
| 01, 07, 09, 10, 88                 | 0                |

When A0310A = 02 - 06, use the following table to determine the Function Score for Eating OBRA/Interim Performance (GG0130A5), Toileting Hygiene OBRA/Interim Performance (GG0130C5), Sit to Lying OBRA/Interim Performance (GG0170B5), Lying to Sitting on Side of Bed OBRA/Interim Performance (GG0170C5), Sit to Stand OBRA/Interim Performance (GG0170D5), Chair/Bed-to-Chair Transfer OBRA/Interim Performance (GG0170E5), and Toilet Transfer OBRA/Interim Performance (GG0170F5).

**Table 15: Function Score for Nursing Payment - OBRA**

| OBRA/ Interim Performance (Column 5) = | Function Score = |
|--|------------------|
| 05, 06                                 | 4                |
| 04                                     | 3                |
| 03                                     | 2                |
| 02                                     | 1                |
| 01, 07, 09, 10, 88                     | 0                |

Enter the Function Score for each item:

Eating

Eating Function Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Toileting

Toileting Hygiene Function Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Bed Mobility

Sit to Lying Function Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Lying to Sitting on Side of Bed Function Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Transfer

Sit to Stand Function Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair/Bed-to-Chair Function Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Toilet Transfer Function Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Next, calculate the average score for the two bed mobility items and the three transfer items as follows: Average the scores for Sit to Lying and Lying to Sitting on Side of Bed. Average the scores for Sit to Stand, Chair/Bed-to-Chair and Toilet Transfer. Enter the average bed mobility and transfer scores below.

Average Bed Mobility Function Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Average Transfer Function Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Calculate the sum of the following scores: Eating Function Score, Toileting Hygiene Function Score, Average Bed Mobility Score, and Average Transfer Score. Finally, round this sum to the nearest integer. This is the PDPM LTC Function Score for nursing payment. The PDPM LTC Function Score for nursing payment ranges from 0 through 16.

**NURSING FUNCTION SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP #2**

Determine the resident's nursing case-mix groups using the hierarchical classification below. In the hierarchical approach, start at the top and work down through the PDPM nursing classification model steps discussed below; the assigned classification is the first group for which the resident qualifies. In other words, start with the Extensive Services groups at the top of the PDPM nursing classification model. Then go down through the groups in hierarchical order: Extensive Services, Special Care High, Special Care Low, Clinically Complex, Behavioral Symptoms and Cognitive Performance, and Reduced Physical Function. When you find the first of the 6 individual PDPM nursing groups for which the resident qualifies, assign that group as the PDPM nursing classification.

## 5. Category: Extensive Services

The classification groups in this category are based on various services provided. Use the following instructions to begin the calculation:

### STEP # 1

Determine whether the resident is coded for one of the following treatments or services:

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| O0110E1b | Tracheostomy care while a resident                                   |
| O0110F1b | Ventilator or respirator while a resident                            |
| O0110M1b | Isolation or quarantine for active infectious disease while resident |

**If the resident does not receive one of these treatments or services, skip to the Special Care High Category now.**

### STEP # 2

If at least one of these treatments or services is coded and the resident has a total PDPM Nursing Function Score of 14 or less, he/she classifies in the Extensive Services category. **Move to Step #3.**

If at least one of these treatments or services is coded and the resident's PDPM Nursing Function Score is 15 or 16, he/she classifies as Clinically Complex. **Skip to the Clinically Complex Category, Step #2.**

### STEP # 3

The resident classifies in the Extensive Services category according to the following chart:

| Extensive Service Conditions  | PDPM LTC Nursing Classification |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Tracheostomy care* <b>and</b> ventilator/respirator*  | E                               |
| Tracheostomy care* <b>or</b> ventilator/respirator*   | E                               |
| Isolation or quarantine for active infectious disease *<br><b>without</b> tracheostomy care*<br><b>without</b> ventilator/respirator* | E                               |

*\*while a resident*

**PDPM LTC Nursing Classification:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If the resident does not classify in the Extensive Services Category, proceed to the Special Care High Category.**

## 6. Category: Special Care High

The classification groups in this category are based on certain resident conditions or services. Use the following instructions:

### STEP # 1

Determine whether the resident is coded for one of the following conditions or services:



**NOTE:** Note: When evaluating Section GG, use Column 1. Admission Performance when A0310A = 01 Admission. Use Column 5. OBRA/Interim Performance for all other OBRA assessments (A0310A = 02 – 06).

| Code                          | Condition   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| B0100, Section GG items       | Comatose and completely dependent or activity did not occur at Admission (GG0130A, GG0130C, GG0170B, GG0170C, GG0170D, GG0170E, and GG0170F, all equal 01, 09, or 88) |
| I2100                         | Septicemia  |
| I2900, N0350A,B               | Diabetes with <b>both</b> of the following: Insulin injections (N0350A) for all 7 days<br>Insulin order changes on 2 or more days (N0350B)                            |
| I5100, Nursing Function Score | Quadriplegia with Nursing Function Score $\leq 11$  |
| I6200, J1100C                 | Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease <b>and</b> shortness of breath when lying flat  |
| J1550A, others                | Fever and one of the following:<br>I2000 Pneumonia<br>J1550B Vomiting<br>K0300 Weight loss (1 or 2)<br>K0520B1 or K0520B3 Feeding tube*                               |
| K0520A1 or K0520A3            | Parenteral/IV feedings  |
| O0400D2                       | Respiratory therapy for all 7 days  |

\*Tube feeding classification requirements:

(1) K0710A3 is 51% or more of total calories OR

(2) K0710A3 is 26% to 50% of total calories and K0710B3 is 501 cc or more per day fluid enteral intake in the last 7 days.

**If the resident does not have one of these conditions, skip to the Special Care Low Category now.**

### STEP # 2

If at least **one** of the special care conditions above is coded and the resident has a total PDPM Nursing Function Score of 14 or less, he or she classifies as Special Care High. **Move to Step**

**#3. If the resident's PDPM Nursing Function Score is 15 or 16, he or she classifies as Clinically Complex. Skip to the Clinically Complex Category, Step #2.**

### STEP # 3

Evaluate for depression. Signs and symptoms of depression are used as a third-level split for the Special Care High category. Residents with signs and symptoms of depression are identified by the Resident Mood Interview (PHQ-9©) or the Staff Assessment of Resident Mood (PHQ-9-OV©). The following items comprise the PHQ-9©:

| Resident | Staff   | Description  |
|----------|---------|--|
| D0150A2  | D0500A2 | Little interest or pleasure in doing things  |
| D0150B2  | D0500B2 | Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless   |
| D0150C2  | D0500C2 | Trouble falling or staying asleep, sleeping too much   |
| D0150D2  | D0500D2 | Feeling tired or having little energy  |
| D0150E2  | D0500E2 | Poor appetite or overeating  |
| D0150F2  | D0500F2 | Feeling bad about yourself- or that you are a failure or have let yourself down or your family down  |
| D0150G2  | D0500G2 | Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television  |
| D0150H2  | D0500H2 | Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed. Or the opposite - being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual |
| D0150I2  | D0500I2 | Thoughts that you would be better off dead, or of hurting yourself in some way   |
| -        | D0500J2 | Being short-tempered, easily annoyed   |

These items are used to calculate a Total Severity Score for the resident interview at Item D0160 and for the staff assessment at Item D0600. The resident qualifies as depressed for PDPM classification in either of the two following cases:

The D0160 Total Severity Score is greater than or equal to 10 but not 99,

**or**

The D0600 Total Severity Score is greater than or equal to 10.

**Resident Qualifies as Depressed? (Yes/No)\_\_\_\_\_**

### STEP # 4

Select the Special Care High classification based on the PDPM Nursing Function Score and the presence or absence of depression according to this table:

| Nursing Function Score | Depressed? | PDPM LTC Classification |
|------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 0-14                   | Yes        | H                       |
| 0-14                   | No         | H                       |

**PDPM LTC Nursing Classification:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Category: Special Care Low

The classification groups in this category are based on certain resident conditions or services. Use the following instructions:

### STEP # 1

Determine whether the resident is coded for one of the following conditions or services:

| Code                          | Condition  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| I4400, Nursing Function Score | Cerebral palsy, with Nursing Function Score <=11   |
| I5200, Nursing Function Score | Multiple sclerosis, with Nursing Function Score <=11   |
| I5300, Nursing Function Score | Parkinson's disease, with Nursing Function Score <=11  |
| I6300, O0110C1b               | Respiratory failure and oxygen therapy while a resident  |
| K0520B2 or K0520B3            | Feeding tube*  |
| M0300B1                       | Two or more stage 2 pressure ulcers with two or more selected skin treatments**                            |
| M0300C1,D1,F1                 | Any stage 3 or 4 pressure ulcer with two or more selected skin treatments**                                |
| M0300B1, M1030                | 1 stage 2 pressure ulcer and 1 venous/arterial ulcer with 2 or more selected skin treatments**             |
| M1030                         | 2 or more venous/arterial ulcer with 2 or more selected skin treatments**                                  |
| M1040A,B,C; M1200I            | Foot infection, diabetic foot ulcer or other open lesion of foot with application of dressings to the feet |
| O0110B1b                      | Radiation treatment while a resident   |
| O0110J1b                      | Dialysis treatment while a resident  |

\*Tube feeding classification requirements:

- (1) K0710A3 is 51% or more of total calories OR
- (2) K0710A3 is 26% to 50% of total calories and K0710B3 is 501 cc or more per day fluid enteral intake in the last 7 days.

\*\*Selected skin treatments:

M1200A,B Pressure relieving chair and/or bed

M1200C Turning/repositioning

M1200D Nutrition or hydration intervention

M1200E Pressure ulcer care

M1200G Application of dressings (not to feet)

M1200H Application of ointments (not to feet)

#Count as one treatment even if both provided

**If the resident does not have one of these conditions, skip to the Clinically Complex Category now.**



## STEP # 2

If at least one of the special care conditions above is coded and the resident has a total PDPM Nursing Function Score of 14 or less, he/ or she classifies as Special Care Low. **Move to Step #3. If the resident's PDPM Nursing Function Score is 15 or 16, he/she classifies as Clinically Complex. Skip to the Clinically Complex Category, Step #2.**

## STEP # 3

Evaluate for depression. Signs and symptoms of depression are used as a third-level split for the Special Care Low category. Residents with signs and symptoms of depression are identified by the Resident Mood Interview (PHQ-9©) or the Staff Assessment of Resident Mood (PHQ-9-OV©). The following items comprise the PHQ-9©:

| Resident | Staff   | Description  |
|----------|---------|--|
| D0150A2  | D0500A2 | Little interest or pleasure in doing things  |
| D0150B2  | D0500B2 | Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless   |
| D0150C2  | D0500C2 | Trouble falling or staying asleep, sleeping too much   |
| D0150D2  | D0500D2 | Feeling tired or having little energy  |
| D0150E2  | D0500E2 | Poor appetite or overeating  |
| D0150F2  | D0500F2 | Feeling bad about yourself- or that you are a failure or have let yourself down or your family down  |
| D0150G2  | D0500G2 | Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television  |
| D0150H2  | D0500H2 | Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed. Or the opposite - being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual |
| D0150I2  | D0500I2 | Thoughts that you would be better off dead, or of hurting yourself in some way   |
| -        | D0500J2 | Being short-tempered, easily annoyed   |

These items are used to calculate a Total Severity Score for the resident interview at Item D0160 and for the staff assessment at Item D0600. The resident qualifies as depressed for PDPM classification in either of the two following cases:

The D0160 Total Severity Score is greater than or equal to 10 but not 99,

**or**

The D0600 Total Severity Score is greater than or equal to 10.

**Resident Qualifies as Depressed (Yes/No)\_\_\_\_\_**

**STEP # 4**

Select the Special Care Low classification based on the PDPM Nursing Function Score and the presence or absence of depression according to this table:

| Nursing Function Score | Depressed? | PDPM LTC Nursing Classification |
|------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| 0-14                   | Yes        | L                               |
| 0-14                   | No         | L                               |

**PDPM LTC Nursing Classification:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 8. Category: Clinically Complex

The classification groups in this category are based on certain resident conditions or services. Use the following instructions:

### STEP # 1

Determine whether the resident is coded for **one** of the following conditions or services:

**Table 15: Clinically Complex Conditions or Services**

| MDS Item                      | Condition or Service  |
|-------------------------------|---|
| I2000                         | Pneumonia   |
| I4900, Nursing Function Score | Hemiplegia/hemiparesis with Nursing Function Score $\leq$ 11  |
| M1040D,E                      | Open lesions (other than ulcers, rashes, and cuts) with any selected skin treatment* or surgical wounds |
| M1040F                        | Burns   |
| O0110A1b                      | Chemotherapy while a resident   |
| O0110C1b                      | Oxygen Therapy while a resident   |
| O0110H1b                      | IV Medications while a resident   |
| O0110I1b                      | Transfusions while a resident   |

*\*Selected Skin Treatments: M1200F Surgical wound care, M1200G Application of nonsurgical dressing (other than to feet), M1200H Application of ointments/medications (other than to feet)*

**If the resident does not have one of these conditions, skip to the Behavioral Symptoms and Cognitive Performance Category now.**

### STEP # 2

Evaluate for depression. Signs and symptoms of depression are used as a third-level split for the Clinically Complex category. Residents with signs and symptoms of depression are identified by the Resident Mood Interview (PHQ-9©) or the Staff Assessment of Resident Mood (PHQ-9-OV©). The following items comprise the PHQ-9©:

| Resident | Staff   | Description   |
|----------|---------|---|
| D0150A2  | D0500A2 | Little interest or pleasure in doing things   |
| D0150B2  | D0500B2 | Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless  |
| D0150C2  | D0500C2 | Trouble falling or staying asleep, sleeping too much  |
| D0150D2  | D0500D2 | Feeling tired or having little energy   |
| D0150E2  | D0500E2 | Poor appetite or overeating   |
| D0150F2  | D0500F2 | Feeling bad about yourself- or that you are a failure or have let yourself down or your family down |
| D0150G2  | D0500G2 | Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television               |

| Resident | Staff   | Description  |
|----------|---------|--|
| D0150H2  | D0500H2 | Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed. Or the opposite - being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual |
| D0150I2  | D0500I2 | Thoughts that you would be better off dead, or of hurting yourself in some way   |
| -        | D0500J2 | Being short-tempered, easily annoyed   |

These items are used to calculate a Total Severity Score for the resident interview at Item D0160 and for the staff assessment at Item D0600. A higher Total Severity Score is associated with more symptoms of depression. For the resident interview, a Total Severity Score of 99 indicates that the interview was not successful.

The resident qualifies as depressed for PDPM classification in either of the two following cases:

The D0160 Total Severity Score is greater than or equal to 10 but not 99,

**or**

The D0600 Total Severity Score is greater than or equal to 10.

**Resident Qualifies as Depressed? (Yes/No)\_\_\_\_\_**

### STEP # 3

Select the Clinically Complex classification based on the PDPM Nursing Function Score and the presence or absence of depression according to this table:

| Nursing Function Score | Depressed? | PDPM LTC Nursing Classification |
|------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| 0-16                   | Yes        | C                               |
| 0-16                   | No         | C                               |

**PDPM LTC Nursing Classification: \_\_\_\_\_**

## 9. Category: Behavioral Symptoms and Cognitive Performance

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Classification in this category is based on the presence of certain behavioral symptoms or the resident's cognitive performance. Use the following instructions:

### STEP # 1

Determine the resident's PDPM Nursing Function Score. If the resident's PDPM Nursing Function Score is 11 or greater, go to Step #2.

**If the PDPM Nursing Function Score is less than 11, skip to the Reduced Physical Function Category now.**

### STEP # 2

If C0100 is 1 = Yes and C0500 is dash (-), indicating the assessment was not completed, the RAI Manual instructs the assessor to not complete the Staff Assessment. In this scenario, the BIMS score will be defaulted to X.

**If the resident interview using the Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) was not conducted (indicated by a value of "0" for Item C0100), skip the remainder of this step and proceed to Step #3 to check staff assessment for cognitive impairment.**

Determine the resident's cognitive status based on resident interview using the BIMS. Instructions for completing the BIMS are in Chapter 3, Section C. The BIMS items involve the following:

|       |                           |
|-------|---------------------------|
| C0200 | Repetition of three words |
| C0300 | Temporal orientation      |
| C0400 | Recall                    |

Item C0500 provides a BIMS Summary Score for these items and indicates the resident's cognitive performance, with a score of 15 indicating the best cognitive performance and 0 indicating the worst performance. If the resident interview is not successful, then the BIMS Summary Score will equal 99.

**If the resident's Summary Score is less than or equal to 9, he or she classifies in the Behavioral Symptoms and Cognitive Performance category. Skip to Step #5.**

**If the resident's summary score is greater than 9 but not 99, proceed to Step #4 to check behavioral symptoms.**

**If the resident's Summary Score is 99 (resident interview not successful) or the Summary Score is blank (resident interview not attempted and skipped), proceed to Step #3 to check staff assessment for cognitive impairment.**

### STEP # 3

Determine the resident's cognitive status based on the staff assessment rather than on resident interview.



**NOTE:** When evaluating Section GG, use Column 1 Admission Performance when A0310A = 01 Admission. For all other OBRA assessments (A0310A = 02 – 06), use Column 5, OBRA/Interim Performance.

Check if **one** of the three following conditions exists:

| Code                | Condition  |
|---------------------|--|
| B0100               | Coma (B0100 = 1) and completely dependent or activity did not occur at admission (GG0130A, GG0130C, GG0170B, GG0170C, GG0170D, GG0170E, and GG0170F all equal 01, 09, or 88)   |
| C1000               | Severely impaired cognitive skills for daily decision making (C1000 = 3)   |
| B0700, C0700, C1000 | Two or more of the following impairment indicators are present:<br>B0700 > 0 Usually, sometimes, or rarely/never understood<br>C0700 = 1 Short-term memory problem<br>C1000 > 0 Impaired cognitive skills for daily decision making<br><br><b>and</b><br><br>One or more of the following severe impairment indicators are present:<br>B0700 >= 2 Sometimes or rarely/never makes self-understood<br>C1000 >= 2 Moderately or severely impaired cognitive skills for daily decision making |

**If the resident meets one of the three above conditions, then he or she classifies in Behavioral Symptoms and Cognitive Performance. Skip to Step #5. If he or she does not meet any of the three conditions, proceed to Step #4.**

### STEP # 4

Determine whether the resident presents with one of the following behavioral symptoms:

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| E0100A | Hallucinations  |
| E0100B | Delusions   |
| E0200A | Physical behavioral symptoms directed toward others (2 or 3)  |
| E0200B | Verbal behavioral symptoms directed toward others (2 or 3)    |
| E0200C | Other behavioral symptoms not directed toward others (2 or 3) |
| E0800  | Rejection of care (2 or 3)                                    |
| E0900  | Wandering (2 or 3)  |

**If the resident presents with one of the symptoms above, then he or she classifies in Behavioral Symptoms and Cognitive Performance. Proceed to Step #5. If he or she does not present with behavioral symptoms, skip to the Reduced Physical Function Category.**

## STEP # 5

### Determine Restorative Nursing Count

Count the number of the following services provided for 15 or more minutes a day for 6 or more of the last 7 days:

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| H0200C, H0500** | Urinary toileting program and/or bowel toileting program |
| O0500A,B**      | Passive and/or active range of motion                    |
| O0500C          | Splint or brace assistance                               |
| O0500D,F**      | Bed mobility and/or walking training                     |
| O0500E          | Transfer training  |
| O0500G          | Dressing and/or grooming training                        |
| O0500H          | Eating and/or swallowing training                        |
| O0500I          | Amputation/prostheses care                               |
| O0500J          | Communication training                                   |

*\*\*Count as one service even if both provided*

**Restorative Nursing Count: \_\_\_\_\_**

## STEP # 6

**Select the final PDPM Classification by using the total PDPM Nursing Function Score and the Restorative Nursing Count:**

| Nursing Function Score | Restorative Nursing | PDPM LTC Nursing Classification |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 11-16                  | 2 or more           | B                               |
| 11-16                  | 0 or 1              | B                               |

**PDPM LTC Nursing Classification: \_\_\_\_\_**

## 10. Category: Reduced Physical Function

### STEP # 1

Residents who do not meet the conditions of any of the previous categories, including those who would meet the criteria for the Behavioral Symptoms and Cognitive Performance category but have a PDPM Nursing Function Score less than 11, are placed in this category.

### STEP # 2

#### Determine Restorative Nursing Count

Count the number of the following services provided for 15 or more minutes a day for 6 or more of the last 7 days:

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| H0200C, H0500** | Urinary toileting program and/or bowel toileting program |
| O0500A,B**      | Passive and/or active range of motion                    |
| O0500C          | Splint or brace assistance                               |
| O0500D,F**      | Bed mobility and/or walking training                     |
| O0500E          | Transfer training  |
| O0500G          | Dressing and/or grooming training                        |
| O0500H          | Eating and/or swallowing training                        |
| O0500I          | Amputation/prostheses care                               |
| O0500J          | Communication training                                   |

*\*\*Count as one service even if both provided*

**Restorative Nursing Count** \_\_\_\_\_

### STEP # 3

Select the PDPM Classification by using the PDPM Nursing Function Score and the Restorative Nursing Count.

| Nursing Function Score | Restorative Nursing | PDPM LTC Nursing Classification |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 0-16                   | 2 or more           | P                               |
| 0-16                   | 0 or 1              | P                               |

**PDPM LTC Nursing Classification:** \_\_\_\_\_