

2024 HEDIS® Advanced Illness and Frailty Exclusions Guide

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) allows additional exclusions to Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) 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. Therefore, patients can be excluded from certain HEDIS® measures if they meet specific criteria for advanced illness and/or frailty.

EXCLUSIONARY CRITERIA

Advanced Illness – One or more of the following during the measurement year or the year prior:

- Filled a dementia medication prescription.
- Diagnosis of an advanced illness billed on two different dates of service. Examples of advanced illness: amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), dementia, heart failure, hepatic disease, multiple sclerosis, emphysema, end-stage renal disease (ESRD), leukemia, malignant neoplasm of the pancreas or brain, certain secondary malignant neoplasms, Parkinson's disease, pulmonary fibrosis, and renal failure. See below for the full list of advanced illness diagnosis billing codes.

Frailty – Must have at least two indications of frailty billed on different dates of service during the measurement year. Examples of frailty indicators:

- Frailty devices such as a cane, commode chair, hospital bed, supplemental oxygen, walker, or wheelchair.
- Frailty diagnoses billed for bed confinement status, falls or history of falling, dependence on frailty devices listed above, dependence on care provider, muscle wasting, muscle weakness, or pressure ulcers.
- Encounters billed for home health (skilled nursing, home health aide, or personal care services), or certain physician management and care coordination services for home health or hospice care.
- Frailty symptoms like difficulty walking, failure to thrive, gait abnormalities, underweight or abnormal weight loss, weakness, or other malaise.
- See below for the full list of frailty billing codes.

Age Requirements – Patients must be at least 66 years to qualify for the advanced illness or frailty exclusions, however the requirements are different depending on the measure. The table below lists these details for applicable HEDIS measures in the Medicare Star Ratings.

STAR MEASURE EXCLUSION DETAILS

Patients 66 and older can be excluded from these measures if they meet BOTH advanced illness and frailty criteria	Patients 66–80 can be excluded from these measures if they meet BOTH advanced illness and frailty criteria	Patients 67–80 can be excluded from these measures if they meet BOTH advanced illness and frailty criteria	Patients 81 and older can be excluded from these measures if they meet only frailty criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breast cancer screening (BCS-E) Colorectal cancer screening (COL-E) Eye exam for patients with diabetes (EED) Glycemic status assessment for patients with diabetes (GSD) Statin therapy for patients with cardiovascular disease (SPC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlling high blood pressure (CBP) Kidney health evaluation for patients with diabetes (KED) 	Osteoporosis management in women who had a fracture (OMW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlling high blood pressure (CBP) Kidney health evaluation for patients with diabetes (KED) Osteoporosis management in women who had a fracture (OMW)

BILLING CODES

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. Telehealth, telephone visits, e-visits and virtual check-ins are acceptable for advanced illness and frailty exclusions when documented in the medical record and the exclusion code is billed properly.

Advanced illness	
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

Advanced illness	
ICD-10-CM code	Definition
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
C79.60-3	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
F01.50-4, F01.A0-4, F01.B0-4, F01.C0-4, F02.80-4, F02.A0-4, F02.B0-4, F02.C0-4, F03.90-4, F03.A0-4, F03.B0-4, F03.C0-4, F10.27, F10.97	Dementia
F04	Amnestic disorder due to known physiological condition
F10.96	Alcohol-induced persisting amnestic disorder
G10	Huntington's disease
G12.21	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
G20	Parkinson's disease

Advanced illness	
ICD-10-CM code	Definition
G30.0, G30.1, G30.8, G30.9	Alzheimer's disease
G31.01	Pick's disease
G31.09, G31.83	Neurocognitive disorder
G35	Multiple sclerosis
I09.81, I11.0, I13.0, I13.2, I50.1, 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, K74.00-2, K74.1, K74.2, K74.4, K74.5, K74.60, K74.69	Hepatic disease
N18.6	End stage renal disease

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

Frailty	
HCPCS code	Definition
E0100, E0105	Cane
E0130, E0135, E0140, E0141, E0143, E0144, E0147-9	Walker
E0163, E0165, E0167-8, E0170-1	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	BiPAP Respiratory assist device
E1130, E1140, E1150, E1160, E1161, E1170, E1171, E1172, E1180, E1190, E1195, E1200, E1220, 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

Frailty	
ICD-10-CM code	Definition
L89.000 – L89.96	Pressure ulcer
M62.50	Muscle wasting and atrophy, not elsewhere classified, unspecified state
M62.81	Muscle weakness (generalized)
M62.84	Sarcopenia
R26.2	Difficulty in walking, not elsewhere classified
R26.89	Other abnormalities of gait and mobility
R26.9	Unspecified abnormalities of gait and mobility
R53.1	Weakness
R53.81	Other malaise
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
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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