

2019 HEDIS® Advanced Illness and Frailty Exclusions Guide

In 2018, the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) allowed additional exclusions to Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) star measures for patients with advanced illness and frailty.

NCQA recognizes that some medical services may not be appropriate in older adults with advanced illness and limited life expectancy. Also, unnecessary tests or treatments could burden them or even be harmful.

► BILLING CODES

The following pages of this guide have billing codes for:

- Advanced illness exclusions (pages 1 through 3)
 - Dementia medication descriptions and prescriptions are listed on page 3
- Frailty exclusions (pages 3 and 4)

Please 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.

66 and older can be excluded from these measures if they have both advanced illness and frailty	81 and older can be excluded from these measures if they only have frailty
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breast Cancer Screening (BCS) ● Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL) ● Controlling Blood Pressure (CBP) ● Osteoporosis Management in Women Who Had a Fracture (OMW) ● Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC) ● Disease-Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drug Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis (ART) ● Statin Therapy for Patients with Cardiovascular Disease (SPC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Controlling Blood Pressure (CBP) ● Osteoporosis Management in Women Who Had a Fracture (OMW) ● Disease-Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drug Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis (ART)

► ADVANCED ILLNESS

These sample codes include conditions, such as metastatic cancer, heart failure, late stage kidney disease and medications such as medications for dementia.

Advanced illness	
ICD-10 code	Definition
A81.00-01, A81.09	Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease
C25.0-4,7-9	Malignant neoplasm of pancreas
C71.9	Malignant neoplasm of brain, unspecified
C77.0-5,8-9	Secondary and unspecified malignant neoplasm of lymph nodes
C78.00	Secondary and unspecified malignant neoplasm of unspecified lung

Advanced illness	
ICD-10 code	Definition
C78.1	Secondary and unspecified malignant neoplasm of mediastinum
C78.2	Secondary and unspecified malignant neoplasm of pleura
C78.39	Secondary and unspecified malignant neoplasm of other respiratory organs
C78.4	Secondary and unspecified malignant neoplasm of small intestine
C78.5	Secondary and unspecified malignant neoplasm of large intestine and rectum
C78.6	Secondary and unspecified malignant neoplasm of retroperitoneum and peritoneum
C78.7	Secondary and unspecified malignant neoplasm of liver and intrahepatic bile duct
C78.89	Secondary malignant neoplasm of other digestive organs
C79.00	Secondary malignant neoplasm of unspecified kidney and renal pelvis
C79.11	Secondary malignant neoplasm of bladder
C79.19	Secondary malignant neoplasm of 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
C79.49	Secondary malignant neoplasm of other parts of nervous system
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, F01.51, F02.80, F02.81, F03.90, F03.91, F10.27, F10.97, G31.83	Dementia
F04	Amnesic disorder due to known physiological condition
F10.96	Alcohol-induced persisting amnesic 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
G31.09	Other frontotemporal dementia
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, end stage renal disease
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

Advanced illness	
ICD-10 code	Definition
J84.10, J84.112, J84.17	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
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

► FRAILITY

These sample codes include equipment that is typically submitted on claims such as hospital beds, wheelchairs and oxygen. However, there are ICD-10 codes that are not routinely included on these claims, for example weakness, fatigue and falls.

Frailty	
CPT II code	Definition
99504	Home visit for mechanical ventilation care
99509	Home visit for assistance with activities of daily living and personal care
HCPCS code	Definition
E0100, E0105	Cane
E0130, E0135, E0140, E0141, E0144, E0147-9	Walker
E0163, E0165, E0167-71	Commode chair
E0424, E0425, E0430, E0431, E0433, E0434, E0435, E0439, E0440-4, Z99.81	Oxygen
E0250, E0251, E0255, E0256, E0260, E0261, E0265, E0266, E0270, E0290-7, E301-4	Hospital bed
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
S9123, S9124, T1000-5, T1019-22, T1030, T1031	Nursing, respite care, and personal care services

Frailty	
ICD-10 code	Definition
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 site
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
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R64	Cachexia
W01.0XXA - W01.198S W06.XXXA - W10.9XXS W18.00XA - W19.XXXS , Z91.81	Fall
Y92.199, Z59.3	Residential institution
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

Frailty	
Z74.8	Other problems related to care provider dependency
Z74.9	Problem related to care provider dependency, unspecified
Z99.3	Dependence on a wheelchair
Z99.89	Dependence on other enabling machines and devices