

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 66–80 can be excluded from these measures if they have BOTH advanced illness and frailty	Patients 67–80 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
<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) 	Controlling high blood pressure (CBP)	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	
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	
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, E0167-71	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

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Frailty	
HCPCS code	Definition
S9123, S9124, T1000-5, T1019-22, T1030, T1031	Nursing, respite care and personal care services
Frailty	
ICD-10-CM 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 state
M62.81	Muscle weakness (generalized)
M62.84	Sarcopenia
Frailty	
ICD-10-CM code	Definition
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

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Frailty	
HCPCS code	Definition
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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