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Quality Measure Tip Sheet:

Influenza Vaccine — Long Stay

Quality Measure Overview

This measure reports the percent of long-stay residents who are assessed and/or given, appropriately, the influenza vaccination during the most recent influenza season.

Numerator: Residents meeting *any* of the following criteria on the selected influenza vaccination assessment:

1. Resident received the influenza vaccine during the most recent influenza season, either in the facility (O0250A = [1]) *or* outside the facility (O0250C = [2]; *or*
2. Resident was offered and declined the influenza vaccine (O0250C = [4]); *or*
3. Resident was ineligible due to medical contraindication(s) (O0250C = [3]) (e.g., anaphylactic hypersensitivity to eggs or other components of the vaccine, history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome within 6 weeks after a previous influenza vaccination, bone marrow transplant within the past 6 months).

Denominator: All long-stay residents with a selected influenza vaccination assessment. This includes all residents who have an entry date (A1600) on or before March 31 of the most recently completed influenza season and have an assessment with a target date on or after October 1 of the most recently completed influenza season (i.e., the target date must fall on or between October 1 and June 30), except those with exclusions.

Exclusions: Residents' age on target date of selected influenza vaccination assessment is 179 days or less.

MDS Coding Requirements

In the Minimum Data Set (MDS):

- Code the reason if the resident did not receive the vaccine, as follows:
  1. Resident not in the facility during this year's influenza vaccination season.
  2. Received influenza vaccine outside the facility.
  3. Not eligible—medical contraindication.
  4. Offered and declined.
  5. Not offered.
  6. Inability to obtain influenza vaccine due to a declared shortage.
  7. None of the above, if none of the listed reasons apply or answer is unknown.

Ask These Questions

- Was the MDS coded as per the Resident Assessment Instrument requirements?
- Are the facility staff members aware of the current influenza season?(*Current season information is available at* ***www.cdc.gov.****)*
- Does a process exist for obtaining the required completed documentation (e.g., for consent, decline, and/or contraindicated to administer) prior to submitting the MDS?
- Does the facility have an internal tracking process to ensure that documentation is completed and available for review?
- Is the required documentation accessible to MDS prior to coding?
- Does evidence exist that the resident has been educated on the importance of receiving the vaccine?
- Does evidence exist of administration of the vaccine?

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