Quality Measure Tip Sheet: Influenza Vaccine—Long Stay

Quality Measure Overview

Numerator:
• This measure reports the percentage of long-stay residents who are appropriately given the influenza vaccine during the most recent influenza season.
• Residents meeting any of the following criteria on the selected influenza vaccination assessment qualify if the
  – resident received the influenza vaccine during the most recent influenza season either in or outside the
    facility or
  – resident was offered and declined the influenza vaccine or
  – resident was ineligible due to contraindications (e.g., anaphylactic hypersensitivity to eggs or other
    components of the vaccine, history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome within six weeks after a previous influenza
    vaccination, bone marrow transplant within the past six months).

Denominator:
• All long-stay residents with a selected target assessment, except those with exclusions

Exclusion:
• Resident’s 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 the resident did not receive the vaccine as follows:
  – Resident was not in the facility during this year’s influenza season.
  – Resident received influenza vaccine outside the facility.
  – Not eligible – medical contraindication
  – Offered and declined
  – Not offered
  – Inability to obtain vaccine due to declared shortage
  – None of the above, if none of the listed reasons apply or answer is unknown.

Note: This measure is only calculated once a year (with a target period of October 1 of the prior year to June 30 of the current year) and reports for the October 1 through March 31 influenza season.

Ask These Questions…

• Was the MDS coded per Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) requirements?
• Are the facility staff members aware of the current influenza season? (Current season information is available at 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 documentation is completed and available for review?
• Is the required documentation accessible to the MDS coordinator 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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