

Pneumococcal Quality Measure (QM) Coding Tips

The Vaccination Quality Measures are the easiest to impact when a facility is looking to improve their Quality of Resident Care Measures (QMs). You have the control to assure that 100% of your residents meet the QM as being “assessed and appropriately given” the vaccination!

Percentage of Long-Stay Residents Who Needed and Got a Vaccine to Prevent Pneumonia

Nursing facility licensure regulations require long-term care facilities to assess the pneumococcal vaccination status of each resident, provide education regarding pneumococcal vaccination benefits and potential side effects, and administer the vaccination when indicated, unless refused by the resident or responsible party, medically contraindicated, or the resident has already been immunized. Facilities must document the resident was assessed, educated, offered, and received the vaccine, or declined due to refusal or contraindication. These requirements are found under F883 (§483.80(d)(2)) of the [State Operations Manual](#). The facility should administer the appropriate pneumococcal vaccination consistent with current [ACIP and CDC guidance](#). The use of standing orders policies in nursing homes for influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations is allowed under F711 (§483.30(b)(3)) of the State Operations Manual.) Some states may have more stringent regulations that do not allow for standing orders and this would override the federal mandate as it is the stricter of the requirements that are to be followed.

PLEASE STOP if you are about to code:

O0300. Pneumococcal Vaccine	
Enter Code <input type="checkbox"/>	A. Is the resident's Pneumococcal vaccination up to date?
AND Enter Code <input type="checkbox"/>	0. No → Continue to O0300B, If Pneumococcal vaccine not received, state reason
	1. Yes → Skip to O0400, Therapies
	B. If Pneumococcal vaccine not received, state reason:
	1. Not eligible - medical contraindication
	2. Offered and declined
	3. Not offered

PLEASE STOP

Note: the following triggers the pneumococcal quality measure as not up to date ([MDS 3.0 QM User's Manual, v16](#)):

Before you enter one of the codes (those circled above), STOP!

Not offered (O0300B = [3]) - **STOP** and request assistance from another MDS coordinator, admission nursing staff, or your DON. Further investigation should be undertaken to assure that this resident has been fully assessed and appropriately given the pneumococcal vaccination he/she is eligible for to protect him-/herself and your nursing home community.

Consider the following when preparing to document about Pneumococcal vaccination on the MDS:

Resident is less than 65 years old - Individuals living in environments or social settings (e.g. nursing homes and other long-term care facilities) with an identified risk of invasive pneumococcal disease or its complications should be considered for vaccination populations. ([MDS RAI 3.0 Manual v1.18.11](#))

Resident's chart does not reflect whether he/she has received the Pneumococcal vaccination – **STOP** and thoroughly explore whether the individual received the pneumococcal vaccination anywhere. Ask the resident, talk to family/responsible party, contact the resident's home area local public health and check your state's [Immunization Information System \(IIS\) database](#), if available. It is in the best interest of the individual resident and the health of your nursing home community, that everyone for whom the pneumococcal vaccination is not contraindicated receives the appropriate immunization.

You are unable to determine whether the resident has had any pneumococcal vaccination – Assess the pneumococcal vaccination status of the resident, assess for contraindications, educate the resident regarding the pneumococcal vaccination, and administer the appropriate vaccination to the resident, per physician-approved facility policy, according to the standards of clinical practices, unless refused by the resident or responsible party. (See links to specific guidance about pneumococcal vaccine recommendations and timing in [MDS RAI 3.0 Manual v1.18.11](#)).

Resident has received only one pneumococcal vaccination - Even though it is recommended that an individual receive the Prevnar 13 first, there are incidents when the Pneumovax 23 was administered first. **If a resident has received either the Prevnar 13 or the Pneumovax 23, and it has been less than a year, code the vaccination status as up-to-date.** If the resident has received either the Prevnar 13 or the Pneumovax 23 and a year or more has passed see links to specific guidance about pneumococcal vaccine recommendations and timing in the [MDS RAI 3.0 Manual v1.18.11](#) to assure the resident's status is up-to-date.

To know the current CMS mature data reflecting your facility's "Percentage of long-stay residents who needed and got a vaccine to prevent pneumonia," go to [Care Compare](#) and view your nursing home's quality measures. Contact Great Plains Quality Innovation Network to speak to a Nursing Home Quality Improvement Advisor for assistance:

For guidance on quality measures and support in making improvements, please contact a member of our nursing home team; visit the [Who We Are](#) page for a listing of team members and contact information.

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