

2019 HEDIS® Advanced Illness and Frailty Exclusions Guide

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

Services measured by NCQA may not be of benefit to older adults with limited life expectancy and advanced illness. Also, unnecessary tests or treatments could burden them or even be harmful. NCQA wants providers to focus on appropriate care for their patients.

BILLING CODES

The following pages of this guide have billing codes for:

- Advanced illness exclusions (page 2)
 - Dementia medication descriptions and prescriptions are listed on page 2
- Frailty exclusions (page 3)

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 <i>and</i> 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 high 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 high blood pressure (CBP) • Osteoporosis management in women who had a fracture (OMW) • Disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug therapy for rheumatoid arthritis (ART)

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Advanced illness

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

Advanced illness	
Category	ICD-10 code
Chronic kidney disease stage 5, end stage renal disease	I12.0, I13.11, I13.2, N18.5, N18.6
Heart failure	I09.81, I11.0, I13.0, I13.2, I50.1, 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
Leukemia	C91.00, C91.02, C92.00, C92.02, C93.00, C93.02, C93.90, C93.92, C93.Z0, C93.Z2, C94.30, C94.32
Liver disease	K70.10, K70.11, K70.2, K70.30, K70.31, K70.40, K70.41, K70.9, K74.0, K74.1, K74.2, K74.4, K74.5, K74.60, K74.69
Lung disease	J43.0, J43.1, J43.2, J43.8, J43.9, J68.4, J84.10, J84.112, J84.17, J96.10, J96.11, J96.12, J96.20, J96.21, J96.22, J96.90, J96.91, J96.92, J98.2, J98.3
Malignant and secondary malignant neoplasm	C25.0, C25.1, C25.2, C25.3, C25.4, C25.7, C25.8, C25.9, C71.9, C77.0, C77.1, C77.2, C77.3, C77.4, C77.5, C77.8, C77.9, C78.00, C78.1, C78.2, C78.39, C78.4, C78.5, C78.6, C78.7, C78.89, C79.00, C79.11, C79.19, C79.2, C79.31, C79.32, C79.49
Neurodegenerative diseases	A81.00, A81.01, A81.09, F01.50, F01.51, F02.80, F02.81, F03.90, F03.91, F04, F10.27, F10.96, F10.97, G10, G12.21, G20, G30.0, G30.1, G30.8, G30.9, G31.01, G31.09, G31.83

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

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Frailty

These 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 always routinely included on claims, (examples: weakness, fatigue, falls).

Frailty	
Category	CPT® II code
Home visits	*99504, *99509
Category	HCPCS code
Commode chair	E0163, E0165, E0167, E0168, E0170, E0171
Home respiratory device	E0465, E0466, E0470-2, E0561, E0562, Z99.11
Hospital bed	E0250, E0251, E0255, E0256, E0260, E0261, E0265, E0266, E0270, E0290-7, E0301-4, E0462, Z74.01
Mobility equipment (cane, walker, wheelchair)	E0100, E0105, E0130, E0135, E0140, E0141, E0143, E0144, E0147, E0148, E0149, E1130, E1140, E1150, E1160, E1161, E1240, E1250, E1260, E1270, E1280, E1285, E1290, E1295-8, Z99.3
Nursing, respite care and personal care services	S9123, S9124, T1000-5, T1019-22, T1030, T1031
Oxygen	E0424, E0425, E0430, E0431, E0433, E0434, E0435, E0439, E0440-4, Z99.81
Skilled nursing services or physician management related to home health/hospice setting, care coordination for advanced illness	G0162, G0299, G0300, G0493, G0494, S0271, S0311
Category	ICD-10 code
Adult failure to thrive, underweight	R62.7, R63.4, R63.6, R64
Cognitive decline, weakness, fatigue	R41.81, R53.1, R53.81, R53.83, R54
Dependency on care provider or machine/device	Z74.1, Z74.2, Z74.3, Z74.8, Z74.9, Z99.89
Fall	W01.0XXA – W01.198S W06.XXXA – W10.9XXS W18.00XA – W19.XXXS, Z91.81
Gait or mobility issues	R26.0, R26.1, R26.2, R26.89, R26.9, Z74.09
Limitation of activities due to disability	Z73.6
Muscle wasting and weakness	M62.50, M62.81, M62.84
Pressure ulcer	L89.119, L89.139, L89.149, L89.159, L89.209, L89.309, L89.899, L89.90
Residential institution	Y92.199, Z59.3

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