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

Notes:
- This measure is only calculated (updated) once a year using a target period from Oct. 1 of the prior year to March 31 of the current year.
- If you code “Not Offered,” “Inability to obtain vaccine due to declared shortage” or “None of the above,” this will trigger as a missed opportunity on your quality measures.

Ask These Questions:

- Was the MDS coded per Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) requirements?
- Are 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?