The Quality Measure Composite Score

What Is the Composite Score?

- Developed by CMS to monitor NNHQCC progress
- Consists of 13 National Quality Forum-endorsed, long-stay quality measures that are publically reported on Nursing Home Compare
- Reflects the cumulative effect of systems improvement within long term care settings

Composite Score: 13 Measures

1. Percent of residents with one or more falls with major injury
2. Percent of residents with a urinary tract infection (UTI)
3. Percent of residents who self-report moderate to severe pain
4. Percent of high-risk residents with pressure ulcer
5. Percent of low-risk residents who lose control of their bowels or bladder
6. Percent of residents with catheter inserted or left in bladder
7. Percent of residents physically restrained
8. Percent of residents whose need for help with Activities of Daily Living (ADL) has increased
9. Percent of residents who lose too much weight
10. Percent of residents who have depressive symptoms
11. Percent of residents who received antipsychotic medications
12. Percent of residents assessed and appropriately given the seasonal flu vaccine*
13. Percent of residents assessed and appropriately given pneumococcal vaccine*
Composite Score: Calculation

• Numerator: A sum of the 13 long stay quality measure numerators
• Denominator: A sum of the 13 long stay quality measure denominators
• Numerator/Denominator X 100 = Composite Score

 Composite Score: Goal

• Goal: Score of six or better (lower) on the Composite Score
• Prior to the launch of the Collaborative, 10% of the nation’s nursing homes already were performing at this level or better

How Can We Improve Our Nursing Home’s Composite Score?

• Know your numbers
• Understand how each quality measure is calculated
• Ensure that the MDS is coded properly
• Focus initial quality improvement efforts on areas with higher numbers of missed opportunities
• Focus on areas of improvement that also can result in changes in another area
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Resources

• MDS 3.0 RAI Manual:

• MDS 3.0 QM User’s Manual:

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