

# **PDPM: What is Reduced Physical Function? (PA1, PA2, PBC1, PBC2, PDE1, PDE2)**

**UPDATED 7/1/2025**

## **PDPM Case Mix Review Fact Sheet #11**

### **What is Case Mix?**

Minnesota Case Mix uses the Nursing Component of the Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) to classify residents into distinct groups, based on the resident's condition and the care the resident received at the time of the assessment. A value is assigned to each group, which is then used to calculate the daily rate of payment.

The Reduced Physical Function group includes residents who may or may not have received assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs), such as eating, bed mobility, transferring from one surface or another, and toileting. In addition, residents classified in the Reduced Physical Function group may have participated in a restorative nursing program.

The higher the score the more independent the resident is. The lower the score the more ADL assistance the resident needs. A Nursing Function Score of zero indicates the resident is totally dependent on nursing staff for their ADL assistance.

Each of the six classifications in the Reduced Physical Function group are further broken down based on the Nursing Function Score and whether the resident received restorative nursing services. The number two (2) at the end of the classification (PA2, PBC2, etc.) indicates restorative nursing services were provided. See "What are Restorative Nursing Services?"

If you believe an assessment is inaccurate for the observation period covered by that assessment, you may submit a request for reconsideration. (See separate fact sheet for "Requesting a Reconsideration.")

Minnesota Department of Health  
Case Mix Review  
PO Box 64938  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0938  
P: 651-201-4200  
Email: [health.fpc-cmr@state.mn.us](mailto:health.fpc-cmr@state.mn.us)  
[www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/casemix/index.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/casemix/index.html)

*To obtain this information in a different format, call: 651-201-4200.*