

PDPM: What is a Nursing Function Score?

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PDPM Case Mix Review Fact Sheet #14

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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.

Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) are tasks related to personal care. The Nursing Function Score includes the resident's usual performance in seven ADL activities including: Eating, Toileting Hygiene, two Bed Mobility activities, and three Transfer activities during the observation period of the assessment.

It is the resident's usual performance in these activities during the three-day observation period that is coded on the MDS. It is not their best or worst performance. Changes, improvements or declines, in function that occurred prior to and after the three-day observation period are not considered when choosing a performance code.

The Safety and Quality of Performance measures identify how much assistance the nursing staff provided to enable to the resident to complete the ADL activity. The Safety and Quality of Performance coding ranges from 01, dependent to 06 independent. And is coded as follows:

- 01-Dependent: The helper provides all the effort to complete the activity; or the assistance of two or more helpers is required for the resident to complete the activity.
- 02-Substantial/maximal assistance: The helper provides MORE THAN HALF the effort. The helper lifts or holds trunk or limbs and provides more than half the effort.
- 03-Partial/moderate assistance: The helper provides LESS THAN HALF the effort. The helper lifts, holds, or supports trunk or limbs, but provides less than half the effort.
- 04-Supervision or Touching Assistance: The helper provides verbal cues or touching/steadying/contact guard assistance as resident completes activity. Assistance may be provided throughout the activity or intermittently.
- 05-Setup or Clean-up assistance: The helper sets up or cleans up; resident completes activity. Helper assists only prior to or following the activity, but not during the activity.
- 06-Independent: The resident completes the activity by themselves with no assistance from a helper.

There are also four Activity Not Attempted codes which are used to identify the reason an activity was not completed during the assessment period, including:

- 07- The resident refused
- 09- Not applicable- the resident did not perform this activity prior to the current illness, exacerbation, or injury.
- 10- Not attempted due to environmental limitations e.g. a lack of equipment or weather

constraints.

- 88-Not attempted due to a medical condition or safety concern.

The total Nursing Function Score is calculated according to the following table:

ADL	Performance Code	Function Score
Eating (GG0130A)	Code: 05, 06 Code: 4 Code: 3 Code: 2 Code: 01, 07, 09, 88	4 3 2 1 0
Toileting Hygiene (GG0130C)	Code: 05, 06 Code: 4 Code: 3 Code: 2 Code: 01, 07, 09, 88	4 3 2 1 0
Bed Mobility* <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sit to Lying (GG0170B)• Lying to Sitting (GG0170C) Average the two scores	Code: 05, 06 Code: 4 Code: 3 Code: 2 Code: 01, 07, 09, 88	4 3 2 1 0
Transfer* <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sit to Stand (GG0170D)• Chair/bed-to-Chair (GG0170E)• Toilet Transfer (GG0170F) Average the three scores	Code: 05, 06 Code: 4 Code: 3 Code: 2 Code: 01, 07, 09, 88	4 3 2 1 0

*Calculate the average score for the two bed mobility items and the three transfer items.

Calculate the sum of the following scores: Eating Function Score, Toileting Hygiene Function Score, Average Bed Mobility Function Score, and Average Transfer Function Score. Round the sum to the nearest whole number. This is the PDPM Nursing Function Score.

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