

PDPM: What is Clinically Complex? (CA1, CBC1, CA2, CBC2, CDE1, CDE2)

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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 Clinically Complex group includes residents who received assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs), such as bed mobility, eating, transferring from one surface to another, and toileting. In addition, residents classified in the Clinically Complex group meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Had an active diagnosis of pneumonia
- Had an active diagnosis of hemiplegia/hemiparesis and a Nursing Function Score of 11 or less.
- Had surgical wounds or open lesions with any selected skin treatments
- Had second- or third-degree burns
- Had any of the following treatments after admission or reentry to the facility:
 - Chemotherapy
 - Oxygen therapy
 - IV medications
 - Transfusions
- Qualifies for Special Care High or Special Care Low group and has a Nursing Function Score of 15-16.

Note: The above treatments do not need to be provided in the facility. For example, dialysis received by a resident at a dialysis center after admission or reentry to the nursing facility would be coded as dialysis received while a resident.

The six classifications in the Clinically Complex group are further broken down based on the Nursing Function Score and presence of depression symptoms. The number two (2) at the end of the classification (CA2, CBC2, CDE2) indicates signs of depression were present. See the "Signs of Depression" and "What is a Nursing Function Score?" fact sheets.

WHAT IS CLINICALLY COMPLEX?

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.”)

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