

RUG-IV: What is Clinically Complex? (CA1, CA2, CB1, CB2, CC1, CC2, CD1, CD2, CE1, & CE2)

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RUG-IV Case Mix Review Fact Sheet #9

What is Case Mix?

Minnesota Case Mix is a system that classifies residents into distinct groups, called Resource Utilization Groups (RUGs), 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** resource utilization group (RUG) 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 a diagnosis of pneumonia
- Had an active diagnosis of hemiplegia/hemiparesis and an ADL score of five (5) or more
- Had surgical wounds or open lesions with any selected skin treatments
- Had burns
- Had any of the following treatments after admission or reentry to the facility:
 - Chemotherapy
 - Oxygen therapy
 - IV medications
 - Transfusions

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.

- Qualifies for Special Care and has an ADL score of one (1) or less.

There are five basic levels of Clinically Complex depending on the amount of ADL assistance received by the resident. In addition, each of these five groups is further broken down based on whether or not the resident had signs of depression. The number two (2) at the end of the classification (CA2, CB2, etc.) indicates signs of depression were present. See "Signs of Depression" and "What is an ADL Score?" fact sheets.

WHAT IS CINICALLY COMPLEX?

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

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