

Advanced Illness and Frailty (AI/F)

Description of Exclusion

Patients with frailty and/or advanced illness are excluded from specific measures because of their conditions and health status. Excluding these patients will help ensure they are included with only the appropriate measures for their circumstances. The measures below require exclusions for advanced illness and frailty. The age ranges and requirements differ by measure and are included in the table below.

Applicable Measure	Frailty and Advanced Illness Both Required	Frailty Only
(BCS) Breast Cancer Screening	66 years and older as of Dec. 31 measurement year (MY)	
(CBP) Controlling Blood Pressure	66 – 80 years as of Dec. 31 MY	81 years of age and older as of Dec 31 MY
(COL) Colorectal Cancer Screening	66 years and older as of Dec. 31 MY	
(GSD) Glycemic Status Assessment for Patients with Diabetes	66 years and older as of Dec. 31 MY	
(EED) Eye Exam for Patients with Diabetes	66 years and older as of Dec. 31 MY	
(KED) Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients and Diabetes	66 – 80 years as of Dec. 31 MY	81 years of age and older as of Dec 31 MY
(OMW) Osteoporosis Management for Women With a Fracture	66 – 80 years as of Dec. 31 MY	81 years of age and older as of Dec 31 MY
(SPC) Statin Therapy for Patients with Cardiovascular Disease	66 years and older as of Dec. 31 MY	

Documentation

Beginning 2024 Advanced Illness and Frailty documentation can be submitted via supplemental data.

Inpatient and outpatient documentation is acceptable.

Advanced Illness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 66 years of age and older (varies by measure) as of December 31 MY. Either of the following during the MY or the year prior (PY) to the measurement year: ▪ Advanced illness on at least two different DOS. ▪ Dispensed a dementia medication: donepezil, donepezil-memantine, galantamine, rivastigmine or memantine
Common Advanced Illness Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Respiratory – emphysema, pulmonary fibrosis, acute respiratory failure ▪ Renal – CKD stage V or ESRD ▪ Hypertensive Heart Disease with heart failure ▪ Heart Disease – chronic or acute heart failure, rheumatic ▪ Hepatic – hepatitis, cirrhosis, fibrosis ▪ Neurologic – Parkinson’s, Alzheimer’s, ALS, Huntington’s Disease, MS ▪ Malignancy – primary (brain, pancreatic, leukemia) and secondary (bone marrow, breast, lung, lymph nodes, kidney)
Frailty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There must be at least two indications of frailty with two (2) different dates of service during MY. ▪ Patients with Frailty must be 66 years of age and older (varies by measure) as of December 31 measurement year and have Advanced Illness. ▪ Three measures (CBP, KED, OMW) exclude patients 81 years of age and older as of December 31 MY, with frailty only.
Common Frailty Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Durable Medical Equipment (DME) – cane, walker, hospital bed, oxygen, etc. ▪ Home Care – Skilled nursing, private duty nursing, personal care, physician ▪ Comprehensive management and care coordination for advanced illness ▪ Pressure ulcers ▪ Musculoskeletal – weakness, atrophy, cachexia, sarcopenia ▪ Age related cognitive decline ▪ Falls – a fall or history of falling ▪ Bed confinement ▪ Gait abnormality – paralytic, difficulty walking, other reduced mobility ▪ Need for assistance – at home w/no help in the home, asst. w/ personal care, continuous supervision, problems related to care dependency ▪ Dependent on ventilator ▪ Dependent on wheelchair ▪ Dependent on supplemental oxygen ▪ Dependent on other enabling machine or devices
Resources	National Committee for Quality Assurance, HEDIS® Measurement Year 2024 Volume 2 Technical Specifications for Health Plan

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