

Table 8-6
SNF Functional Outcome Measure: Discharge Mobility Score for Skilled Nursing Facility Residents (NQF #2636) (CMS ID: S025.04)^a

Measure Description
<p>This measure estimates the percentage of Medicare Part A SNF Stays that meet or exceed an expected discharge mobility score.</p>
Measure Specifications ^b
<p>If a resident has multiple Medicare Part A SNF stays during the target 12 months, then all stays are included in this measure.</p> <p><i>Mobility items and Rating scale:</i> The Mobility assessment items used for discharge Mobility score calculations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GG0170A3. Roll left and right • GG0170B3. Sit to lying • GG0170C3. Lying to sitting on side of bed • GG0170D3. Sit to stand • GG0170E3. Chair/bed-to-chair transfer • GG0170F3. Toilet transfer • GG0170G3. Car transfer • GG0170I3. Walk 10 feet • GG0170J3. Walk 50 feet with two turns • GG0170K3. Walk 150 feet • GG0170L3. Walking 10 feet on uneven surfaces • GG0170M3. 1 step (curb) • GG0170N3. 4 steps • GG0170O3. 12 steps • GG0170P3. Picking up object <p>Valid codes and code definitions for the coding of the discharge Mobility items are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 06 – Independent • 05 – Setup or clean-up assistance • 04 – Supervision or touching assistance • 03 – Partial/moderate assistance • 02 – Substantial/maximal assistance • 01 – Dependent • 07 – Resident refused • 09 – Not applicable • 10 – Not attempted due to environmental limitations • 88 – Not attempted due to medical condition or safety concerns • ^ – Skip pattern • - – Not assessed/no information

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Measure Specifications ^b
<p>To obtain the discharge mobility score, use the following procedure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If code is between 01 and 06, then use code as the score. • If code is 07, 09, 10, or 88, then recode to 01 and use this code as the score. • If the mobility item is skipped (^), dashed (-), or missing, recode to 01 and use this code as the score. <p>Sum the scores of the discharge mobility items to create a discharge mobility score for each Medicare Part A SNF stay. Scores can range from 15 – 90, with a higher score indicating greater independence.</p> <p>Numerator The total number of Medicare Part A SNF stays (Type 1 SNF Stays only) in the denominator, except those that meet the exclusion criteria, with a discharge mobility score that is equal to or higher than the calculated expected discharge mobility score.</p> <p>Denominator The total number of Medicare Part A SNF stays (Type 1 SNF Stays only), except those that meet the exclusion criteria.</p> <p>Exclusions Medicare Part A SNF Stays are excluded if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Medicare Part A SNF Stay is an incomplete stay: Residents with incomplete stays (<i>incomplete = [1]</i>) are identified based on the following criteria using the specified data elements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Unplanned discharge, which would include discharge against medical advice, indicated by A0310G (Type of Discharge) = 2 (Unplanned discharge) [as indicated on an OBRA Discharge (RFA: A0310F = [10, 11]) that has a discharge date (A2000) that is on the same day or the day after the End Date of Most Recent Medicare Stay (A2400C)]. OR b. Discharge to acute hospital, psychiatric hospital, long-term care hospital indicated by A2100 = [03, 04, 09]. [as indicated on an MDS Discharge (RFA: A0310F = [10, 11]) that has a discharge date (A2000) that is on the same day or the day after the End Date of Most Recent Medicare Stay (A2400C)]. OR c. SNF PPS Part A stay less than 3 days ((A2400C minus A2400B) < 3 days) OR d. The resident died during the SNF stay (i.e., Type 2 SNF Stays). Type 2 SNF Stays are SNF stays with a PPS 5-Day Assessment (A0310B = [01]) and a matched Death in Facility Tracking Record (A0310F = [12]). 2. The resident has the following medical conditions at the time of admission (i.e., on the 5-Day PPS assessment): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Coma, persistent vegetative state, complete tetraplegia, locked-in syndrome, or severe anoxic brain damage, cerebral edema or compression of brain, as identified by: B0100 (Comatose) = 1 or ICD-10 codes (see Appendix A, Table A-3). 3. The resident is younger than age 18: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A1600 (Entry Date) – A0900 (Birth Date) is less than 18 years. b. Age is calculated in years based on the truncated difference between admission date (A1600) and birth date (A0900); i.e., the difference is not rounded to the nearest whole number 4. The resident is discharged to hospice or received hospice while a resident: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A2100 (Discharge status) = [07] or O0100K2 (Hospice while a Resident) = [1]. 5. The resident did not receive physical or occupational therapy services at the time of admission (i.e., on the 5-Day PPS assessment): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. (Sum of O0400B1 + O0400B2 + O0400B3 = [0]) and (sum of O0400C1 + O0400C2 + O0400C3 = [0])

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Covariates
<p><i>Data for each covariate are derived from the admission assessment included in the target Medicare Part A SNF stays.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Age group 2. Admission mobility score – continuous score 3. Admission mobility score – squared form 4. Primary medical condition category 5. Interaction between primary medical condition category and admission mobility 6. Prior surgery 7. Prior functioning: indoor mobility (ambulation) 8. Prior functioning: stairs 9. Prior functioning: functional cognition 10. Prior mobility device use 11. Stage 2 pressure ulcer 12. Stage 3, 4, or unstageable pressure ulcer/injury 13. Cognitive abilities 14. Communication impairment 15. Urinary Continence 16. Bowel Continence 17. Tube feeding or total parenteral nutrition 18. History of falls 19. Comorbidities <p>See covariate details in Appendix A, Table A-4 and the associated Risk-Adjustment Appendix File.</p>

^a This measure is NQF-endorsed for use in the IRF setting (<https://www.qualityforum.org/QPS/2636>) and finalized for reporting by SNFs under the [SNF QRP \(Federal Register 82 \(4 August 2017\): 36530-36636\)](#).

^b The national average observed score is calculated using the Medicare Part A SNF stay as the unit of analysis.