

**Table 8-5**  
**SNF Functional Outcome Measure: Discharge Self-Care Score for Skilled Nursing Facility Residents (NQF #2635) (CMS ID: S024.04)<sup>a</sup>**

Measure Description
This measure estimates the percentage of Medicare Part A SNF Stays that meet or exceed an expected discharge self-care score.
Measure Specifications <sup>b</sup>
<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><b><i>Self-Care items and Rating scale:</i></b>            The Self-Care assessment items used for discharge Self-Care score calculations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GG0130A3. Eating</li> <li>• GG0130B3. Oral hygiene</li> <li>• GG0130C3. Toileting hygiene</li> <li>• GG0130E3. Shower/bathe self</li> <li>• GG0130F3. Upper body dressing</li> <li>• GG0130G3. Lower body dressing</li> <li>• GG0130H3. Putting on/taking off footwear</li> </ul> <p>Valid codes and code definitions for the coding of the discharge Self-Care items are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 06 – Independent</li> <li>• 05 – Setup or clean-up assistance</li> <li>• 04 – Supervision or touching assistance</li> <li>• 03 – Partial/moderate assistance</li> <li>• 02 – Substantial/maximal assistance</li> <li>• 01 – Dependent</li> <li>• 07 – Resident refused</li> <li>• 09 – Not applicable</li> <li>• 10 – Not attempted due to environmental limitations</li> <li>• 88 – Not attempted due to medical condition or safety concerns</li> <li>• ^ – Skip pattern</li> <li>• - Not assessed/no information</li> </ul> <p>To obtain the discharge self-care score, use the following procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If code is between 01 and 06, then use code as the score.</li> <li>• If code is 07, 09, 10, or 88, then recode to 01 and use this code as the score.</li> <li>• If the self-care item is skipped (^), dashed (-) or missing, recode to 01 and use this code as the score.</li> </ul> <p>Sum the scores of the discharge self-care items to create a discharge self-care score for each Medicare Part A SNF stay record. Scores can range from 7 to 42, with a higher score indicating greater independence.</p>

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<p><b>Numerator</b>                      The total number of Medicare Part A SNF Stays (<a href="#">Type 1 SNF Stays</a> only) in the denominator, except those that meet the exclusion criteria, with a discharge self-care score that is equal to or higher than the calculated expected discharge self-care score.</p> <p><b>Denominator</b>                      The total number of Medicare Part A SNF Stays (<a href="#">Type 1 SNF Stays</a> only), except those that meet the exclusion criteria.</p> <p><b>Exclusions</b>                      Medicare Part A SNF Stays are excluded if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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"> <li>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</li> <li>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</li> <li>c. SNF PPS Part A stay less than 3 days ((A2400C minus A2400B) &lt; 3 days) OR</li> <li>d. The resident died during the SNF stay (i.e., <a href="#">Type 2 SNF Stays</a>). 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]).</li> </ol> </li> <li>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"> <li>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 <a href="#">Appendix A, Table A-3</a>).</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. The resident is younger than age 18:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A1600 (Entry Date) – A0900 (Birth Date) is less than 18 years.</li> <li>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</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. The resident is discharged to hospice or received hospice while a resident:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A2100 (Discharge status) = [07] or O0100K2 (Hospice while a Resident) = [1]</li> </ol> </li> <li>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"> <li>a. (Sum of O0400B1 + O0400B2 + O0400B3 = [0]) and (sum of O0400C1 + O0400C2 + O0400C3 = [0])</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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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 stay.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Age group</li> <li>2. Admission self-care score – continuous score</li> <li>3. Admission self-care score – squared form</li> <li>4. Primary medical condition category</li> <li>5. Interaction between primary medical condition category and admission self-care score</li> <li>6. Prior surgery</li> <li>7. Prior functioning: self-care</li> <li>8. Prior functioning: indoor mobility (ambulation)</li> <li>9. Prior mobility device use</li> <li>10. Stage 2 pressure ulcer</li> <li>11. Stage 3, 4, or unstageable pressure ulcer/injury</li> <li>12. Cognitive abilities</li> <li>13. Communication Impairment</li> <li>14. Urinary Continence</li> <li>15. Bowel Continence</li> <li>16. Tube feeding or total parenteral nutrition</li> <li>17. Comorbidities</li> </ol> <p>See covariate details in <b>Appendix A, <a href="#">Table A-4</a></b> and the associated Risk-Adjustment Appendix File.</p>

<sup>a</sup> This measure is NQF-endorsed for use in the IRF setting (<https://www.qualityforum.org/QPS/2635>) and finalized for reporting by SNFs under the [SNF QRP \(Federal Register 82 \(4 August 2017\): 36530-36636\)](#).

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