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<p><b>Pressure ULCE R LONG STAY</b></p>	<p><b>WHAT TRIGGERS?</b></p> <p>Any number of stage 2, 3 or 4 plus either any one of these are present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comatose</li> <li>• Malnutrition</li> <li>• Bed mobility= 3, 4, 7, 8</li> <li>• Transfer = 3, 4, 7, 8</li> </ul> <p>Long stay (101 days or more)</p>	<p><b>WHAT CANCELS?</b></p> <p>Bed mobility self-performance = 0,1,2</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Transfer self-performance =0,1,2</p> <p>MDS is an Admission</p> <p><b>MDS CODING TIPS:</b></p> <p>Ensure to Code present on admission if so</p> <p>If resident is readmitted within 30 days after a discharge return anticipated and the wound was present on admission (not inhouse) on prior stay, ensure to still code as “present on admission”</p> <p>If there are discrepancies on wound documentation, ensure to clarify with wound nurse before MDS is locked.</p> <p>Investigate what etiologies of wounds are and if not due to pressure, do not code as such.</p>	<p><b>TIPS AND STRATEGIES</b></p> <p>Accurate Wound assessment on Admission.</p> <p>Develop an individualized care plan on new admits that includes risk factors, prevention, care &amp; treatment of any existing pressure ulcers</p> <p>Timely completion of Skin risk assessment(Braden) i.e. on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admission x 4 weeks</li> <li>• Quarterly</li> <li>• After a change in condition.</li> </ul> <p>Based on the score, ensure interventions are implemented for prevention.</p> <p>Weekly skin checks, Weekly wound assessments</p> <p>Ensure Treatment orders are current</p> <p>Re-evaluate treatment plan if there is no progress noted</p> <p>Implement Nutrition and hydration interventions e.g. supplements and hydration</p> <p>RD assessment that addresses skin condition, abnormal laboratory results pertinent to wound healing (e.g., blood sugar fluctuations, pre-albumin/albumin, etc.)</p> <p>Use Pressure relief devices (e.g., heel protectors, special mattresses, gel cushions, etc.)</p> <p>Skin Integrity Committee at least monthly or as per Facility Policy.</p> <p>Communication system in place</p>
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			<p>regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>notification of nurses of any reddened areas /impaired skin condition noticed by C.N.A. and</li> <li>notifying DNS, RD &amp;</li> <li>Therapy of all new open areas or any increases in size</li> </ul> <p>Work with wound management consultants.</p> <p>Periodic nurses evaluated for competency in wound evaluation</p>
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<p><b>B and B</b></p>	<p><b>WHAT TRIGGERS?</b></p> <p>Bladder:</p> <p>Frequently incontinence = 7 or more incontinence + at least 1 episode of continence</p> <p>Always incontinent=no episodes of continence</p> <p>Bowel:</p> <p>Frequently incontinent 2 or more episodes of bowel incontinence + at least 1 continent bowel movement</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Always incontinent -no episodes of continence</p> <p>Long stay (101 days or more)</p>	<p><b>WHAT CANCELS?</b></p> <p>Any ONE of these are present:</p> <p>A cognitive skill (staff assessment) is severe PLUS short term memory problem is present</p> <p>OR</p> <p>BIMS score is equal or less than 7</p> <p>Comatose</p> <p>Totally dependent in bed mobility = 4, 7, 8</p> <p>Totally dependent in transfer = 4, 7, 8</p> <p>Totally dependent in locomotion on unit 4, 7, 8</p> <p>Admission MDS and</p>	<p><b>TIPS AND STRATEGIES:</b></p> <p>Remind C.N.A.'s on definitions of incontinence</p> <p>Evaluate and Treat causative factors for incontinence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>diabetes</li> <li>kidney dysfunction</li> <li>hypertension, medication adverse side effects</li> </ul> <p>Evaluate for elimination patterns for at least three days and develop toilet programs developed to address individualized patterns</p> <p>Establish Communication of the individualized program to staff members</p> <p>Consider decreasing caffeine drinks if applicable/possible: coffee, tea, soda, hot chocolate since caffeine is a diuretic.</p> <p>Consider using a "Bladder Scan" for as an aid to assess and develop bladder training programs.</p>
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		<p>or 5 day MDS</p> <p><b><u>MDS CODING TIPS:</u></b>            Ensure to code "Not Rated" on Continence If with any one of these condition for Bladder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indwelling catheter</li> <li>• Condom</li> <li>• Urinary ostomy</li> <li>• has had no urine output for entire seven days</li> </ul> <p>Any one of these conditions for Bowel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ostomy</li> <li>• has had no bowel movement for entire seven days</li> </ul> <p>Consider Timing MDS during B and B training or right after the program when C.N.A documentation are being monitored closely so as to capture an accurate picture.</p> <p>Ask probing questions to the C.N.A.'s and as needed, document this on MDS progress notes. Consider this information when coding for incontinence on the MDS.</p>	

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Physical Restraint	<p><b>WHAT TRIGGERS?</b></p> <p>Daily use of any of these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trunk restraint in bed</li> <li>• Limb restraint in bed</li> <li>• Trunk restraint in chair</li> <li>• Limb restraint in chair</li> <li>• Chair prevents rising</li> </ul> <p>Long stay (101 days or more)</p>	<p><b>WHAT CANCELS?</b></p> <p>If their stay is 100 days or less.</p> <p><b>MDS CODING TIPS:</b></p> <p>Code only if the effect of the device is restraining the resident.</p> <p>Do not code if resident is able to remove the device at will.</p> <p>Do not code if resident is able to remove the device as easily as it was placed.</p> <p>If possible, time the MDS so that it is during restraint reduction period so as not to be coded as used daily.</p>	<p><b>TIPS AND STRATEGIES:</b></p> <p>Least restrictive methods prior to applying a restraint e.g., low beds, mats, etc.</p> <p>Therapy to work with resident prior to applying a restraint</p> <p>Obtain Consent</p> <p>Educate the resident/family on risk factors</p> <p>Accurate assessment to ensure devices being used are not a restraint.</p> <p>Review restraint use at least quarterly to evaluate appropriateness and need for continued use.</p> <p>Restraint reduction committee meets at least q month</p> <p>Use least restrictive measures</p>
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<p>Influenza VACCINE SHORT STAY The higher the % the better</p>	<p><b>WHAT TRIGGERS?</b></p> <p>Received in this facility or outside facility</p> <p>Declined the vaccine when offered</p> <p>Ineligible due to medical contraindications</p> <p>AND Their stay is 100 days or less</p>	<p><b>WHAT CANCELS?</b></p> <p>Not in facility during the current or most recent flu season</p> <p>No credit to this QM if we code -Did not offer</p> <p><b>MDS CODING TIPS:</b></p> <p>If possible, move ARDs to capture Vaccine administration.</p> <p>To be credited for this QM, an <u>October 1 through March 31</u> is what is being considered as influenza season (<i>this is for QM purposes but influenza season is still dependent on geography</i>).</p> <p>Once given, always copy mds coding for vaccine until next flu season</p> <p>Ensure to code the following if it applies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received influenza vaccine outside the facility.</li> <li>• Not eligible due to medical contraindication.</li> </ul>	<p><b>TIPS AND STRATEGIES:</b></p> <p>Staff awareness of current influenza season</p> <p>Establish a process for obtaining the consents, documenting if offered and declined</p> <p>Establish an internal tracking process to ensure that documentation is completed and available for review</p> <p>Obtain vaccine consents asap on admission.</p> <p>Give vaccine on or before ARD of the 1<sup>st</sup> MDS- 5d or admission</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offered and declined.</li> </ul> <p>On PCC, ensure to open the links on immunization tab to view entire information.</p> <p>This item is refreshed on PCC. Ensure to acknowledge responses as accurate before locking.</p>	
<p><b>PNA VACCINE SHORT STAY</b> The higher the % the better.</p>	<p><b>WHAT TRIGGERS?</b></p> <p>Pneumococcal vaccine status is up to date or</p> <p>Offered and declined the vaccine</p> <p>or</p> <p>Ineligible due to medical contraindications</p> <p>AND Their stay is 100 days or less</p>	<p><b>WHAT CANCELS?</b></p> <p>No credit to scores if we code -Did not offer</p> <p><b>MDS CODING TIPS:</b></p> <p>Prevnar is considered a pneumonia vaccine and should be coded as up to date if it has been administered.</p> <p>Code "Ineligible" if allergic to vaccine components</p> <p>Once given, always copy mds coding for vaccine until the next 5 years if resident received at age less than 65 years and always if resident received vaccine at age 65 or more</p>	<p><b>TIPS AND STRATEGIES:</b></p> <p>Get vaccine consents ASAP on admission.</p> <p>Establish a process for obtaining the consents, documenting if offered and decline</p> <p>Establish an internal tracking process to ensure that documentation is completed and available for review</p> <p>Resident/Family education on importance of Vaccines</p> <p>Administer the vaccine on or before ARD of the 1<sup>st</sup> MDS- 5d or Admission</p> <p>All adults 65 years of age or older should receive the vaccine.</p> <p>If vaccination status is unknown, the individual should be vaccinated.</p> <p>If the resident has a moderate to severe illness, he or she should not be vaccinated until the condition improves or stabilizes.</p> <p>Residents with a minor illness, such as a cold, may receive the vaccine.</p>

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<b>UTI</b>	<p><b>WHAT TRIGGERS?</b></p> <p>UTI in the last 30 days as evidenced by having ALL 4 criteria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Physician dx of UTI in last 30 days,</li> <li>2. Signs and symptoms of UTI such as fever, burning, frequent urination, pain or tenderness in the flank, confusion, mental status change, or pyuria</li> <li>3. Positive test, study or procedure, and</li> <li>4. Current medication or treatment for UTI</li> </ol> <p>AND Long stay (101 days or more)</p>	<p><b>WHAT CANCELS?</b></p> <p>Will not trigger if MDS is an Admission and or 5 day.</p> <p><b>MDS CODING TIPS:</b></p> <p>Do not code UTI if any one of the 4 criteria is not present.</p>	<p><b>TIPS AND STRATEGIES:</b></p> <p>Establish a Hydration Program.</p> <p>Make water accessible at all times and offered to dementia residents</p> <p>Ensuring s/s vs treating for lab report.</p> <p>Updating PCC dx list and resolve UTI if applicable.</p> <p>Ensure Staff proficiency in perineal/catheter-care and handwashing</p> <p>Indwelling Foley catheters are changed according to the MD order</p> <p>Train Licensed Nurses on proper communication of Changes of Condition to MD so appropriate treatments and dx are given (use SBAR).</p>

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<p>SELF REPORT Moderate TO SEVERE PAIN LONG STAY</p>	<p><b>WHAT TRIGGERS?</b></p> <p>Almost constant or frequent pain AND moderate to severe pain at least once</p>	<p><b>WHAT CANCELS?</b></p> <p>If resident could not complete pain interview</p>	<p><b>TIPS AND STRATEGIES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treatment plan to include addressing underlying condition such as arthritis, cancer, fractures, osteoporosis, multiple sclerosis, dental caries, and skin impairment</li> </ul>
<p>SELF REPORT Moderate TO SEVERE PAIN SHORT STAY</p>	<p>Or Resident reports very severe/horrible pain of any frequency</p> <p>AND</p> <p>LONG STAY MEASURE: Stay is 101 days or more</p> <p>SHORT STAY MEASURE: Stay is 100 days or LESS</p>	<p><b>MDS CODING TIPS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timing of Pain Interview: <i>Example: If the resident has discomfort following therapy, ADLs, or procedures, medicate before the activities and do not interview immediately following the therapy</i></li> <li>• Explain to resident that pain medication will not be taken away if he or she states there is no current pain</li> <li>• Use a visual pain scale to have a more accurate picture for the resident r/t the degree of pain being experienced</li> <li>• Consider using Verbal descriptor Scale (Mild, Moderate, Severe) instead of Numerical if resident is having a hard time with the numerical Scale</li> </ul>	<p>• Individualize pain medication i.e. prior to treatment and/or procedures</p> <p>• Consider having medications scheduled/routine basis</p> <p>• Consider PRN medication for breakthrough pain</p> <p>• Involve Therapy for methods such as</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation</li> <li>relaxation techniques</li> <li>range of motion</li> <li>ADL programs</li> <li>thermotherapy</li> <li>distraction exercises</li> <li>massage</li> <li>positioning devices</li> <li>cryotherapy</li> </ol> <p>• Consider consultations to pain management clinics</p>



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<p><b>ADL Decline</b></p>	<p><b>WHAT TRIGGERS?</b></p> <p>4 Late Loss ADL's measured:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bed Mobility</li> <li>2. Transfer</li> <li>3. Eating</li> <li>4. Toilet Use</li> </ol> <p>Compares latest MDS to the MDS AT LEAST 46 days ago.</p> <p>Triggered if: One point decline in 2 or more late loss ADL's</p> <p><i>Example: Bed mobility and transfer from limited to extensive</i></p> <p>Or</p> <p>2-point decline on any one of the 4-late loss ADL's</p> <p>Example: Bed Mobility went from Supervision to Extensive</p> <p>AND Long stay (101 days or more)</p>	<p><b>WHAT CANCELS?</b></p> <p>Any of these conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comatose</li> <li>• Hospice care (MDS section O)</li> <li>• Prognosis of life expectancy is less than six months. (MDS section J)</li> <li>• All four late-loss ADL items indicate total dependence on the prior assessment (4, 7, 8 coded)</li> <li>• Three of the late-loss ADLs indicate total dependence on the prior assessment, and the fourth late-loss ADL indicates extensive assistance</li> </ul> <p><b>MDS CODING TIPS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review all Documentation in the 7 day look back period vs just basing from C.N.A.'s. (Review all source</li> </ul>	<p><b>TIPS AND STRATEGIES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide quarterly calendar to Therapy at the beginning of the month.</li> <li>• Therapy to screen quarterly and as needed for possible decline and the need for RNA or Therapy.</li> <li>• ADL training of C.N.A.'s upon new hire.</li> <li>• Ensure RNA meeting is occurring routinely to catch ADL declines.</li> <li>• Consider group RNA activities as applicable.</li> <li>• Activities department to include activities that promote mobility and exercises.</li> <li>• Determine root cause for the decline</li> <li>• Management of pain and or depression</li> <li>• Consider adaptive equipments</li> </ul>

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		<p>documents i.e. Licensed Nurse and Therapy documentations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Code Total only if all documentation are Total (review LN and Therapy docs)</li> <li>• Interview and use Probing questions to the Staff. As needed, document this on the MDS progress notes and consider this information when coding ADLs.</li> <li>• Consider Timing of MDS if possible i.e. to capture after Therapy Treatment so as to capture progress and not decline</li> <li>• Consider SCSA MDS for improved ADL's.</li> </ul>	