QUALITY MEASURE TIP SHEET: Pneumonia Vaccine—Long Stay

Quality Measure Overview
This measure reports the percentage of long-stay residents whose pneumococcal vaccine status is up to date.

• Residents meeting any of the following criteria on the selected target assessment qualify if they:
  – Have an up-to-date pneumococcal vaccine status, or
  – Were offered and declined the vaccine, or
  – Were ineligible due to medical contraindications (e.g., anaphylactic hypersensitivity to components of the vaccine, bone marrow transplant within the past 12 months, or in receipt of a course of chemotherapy within the past two weeks).

Should the Resident Receive the Vaccine?
• Adults 65 years of age and older and those with chronic medical conditions are at increased risk for pneumonia.
• Pneumococcal vaccines can help reduce the risk of invasive pneumococcal disease and pneumonia.
• Individuals who are 65 years of age or older who are living in nursing homes should receive the pneumococcal vaccination.
• Review the resident’s medical record to determine if any pneumococcal vaccines have been received, ask the resident if he or she received any pneumococcal vaccine outside of the facility and if necessary, ask the responsible family or primary care physician. If unknown, administer the recommend vaccine(s) to the resident according to standards of practice.
• Do not administer the vaccine if the resident has had a severe allergic reaction.
• If the resident has a moderate to severe acute illness, the vaccine should be administered after the illness.
• If the resident has a minor illness, such as a cold, check with the resident’s physician before administering the vaccine.
• The influenza vaccine may be given at the same time as the pneumococcal vaccine.
• Review Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Pneumococcal Vaccine Timing for Adults recommendations for more information.

MDS Coding Requirements
In the Minimum Data Set (MDS):
• Indicate if the resident’s pneumococcal vaccination is current.
• State the reason, if applicable, that the vaccine was not received:
  – Not eligible (i.e., medically contraindicated)
  – Offered and declined
  – Not offered

Ask These Questions ...
• Was the MDS coded as per the Resident Assessment Instrument requirements?
• Does a process exist for obtaining the required completed documentation (i.e., for consent, decline, and/or contraindicated to administer) prior to submitting the MDS?
• Does the facility have an internal tracking process to ensure that documentation is completed and available for review?
• Is the required documentation accessible to MDS prior to coding?
• Does evidence exist that the resident is educated on the importance of receiving the vaccine?
• Does evidence exist of administration of the vaccine?

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