

## CODING GUIDELINES

**PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS** as reflected on the OASIS will determine the clinical grouping for a home health patient.

Six clinical groupings include:

1. **Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation:** therapy (physical, occupational or speech) for a musculoskeletal condition
2. **Neuro/Stroke Rehabilitation:** therapy (physical, occupational or speech) for a neurological condition or stroke
3. **Wounds:** assessment, treatment, and evaluation of a surgical wound(s); assessment, treatment, and evaluation of non-surgical wounds, ulcers, burns, and other lesions
4. **Behavioral Health Care:** assessment, treatment, and evaluation of psychiatric conditions, including substance use disorders
5. **Complex Nursing Interventions:** assessment, treatment, and evaluation of complex medical and surgical conditions including IV, TPN, enteral nutrition, ventilator, and ostomies
6. **Medication Management, Teaching, and Assessment (MMTA):** assessment, evaluation, teaching, and medication management for a variety of medical and surgical conditions not classified in the above groups

The list of all ICD-10 codes and their correlating clinical groupings are available on the CMS website under [PDGM Grouper Tool: CY 2019 ICD 10 Dx.csv](#).

**SECONDARY DIAGNOSIS** on the OASIS will drive comorbidity adjustments (there are three):

1. **No Adjustment:** no secondary dx/comorbidities that fall into subgroups
2. **Low Adjustment:** 1 secondary dx/comorbidity within subgroup categories
3. **High Adjustment:** 2 or more secondary dx that fall within same comorbidity/subgroup interaction

There are **11 subgroups for comorbidity adjustments:**

- **Neuro 11:** diabetic retinopathy and other blindness
- **Neuro 10:** diabetic neuropathies
- **Circulatory 9:** acute and chronic embolisms and thrombosis
- **Heart 11:** heart failure
- **Cerebral 4:** sequelae of cerebrovascular diseases
- **Neuro 5:** Parkinson's disease
- **Skin 1:** cutaneous abscess, cellulitis, and lymphangitis
- **Neuro 7:** hemiplegia, paraplegia, and quadriplegia
- **Circulatory 10:** varicose veins with ulceration
- **Skin 3:** diseases of arteries, arterioles, and capillaries with ulceration and non-pressure chronic ulcers
- **Skin 4:** stages two through four and unstageable pressure ulcers by site

The list of all ICD-10 codes and their correlating comorbidity subgroups/adjustments are available on the CMS website under [PDGM Grouper Tool: CY 2019 Comorbidities.csv \(3 spreadsheets\)](#).

**OASIS CODING** will drive functional levels in conjunction with clinical groupings. There are three proposed functional levels: *Low*, *Medium*, and *High*. These are directly correlated to functional impairment with *Low* being the highest functioning patients, and *High* being the lowest functioning patients.

Points will be assigned based on responses to the following OASIS questions:

1. **M1800:** Grooming
2. **M1810:** Current Ability to Dress Upper Body
3. **M1820:** Current Ability to Dress Lower Body
4. **M1830:** Bathing
5. **M1850:** Transferring
6. **M1860:** Ambulation/Locomotion
7. **M1022:** Risk of Hospitalization (at least 3 responses checked, excluding #8, #9, #10)

*Continue on next page for functional level established by clinical grouping.*

Thresholds for each functional level have been established by clinical grouping:

Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation	
Level of Impairment	Points Assigned
Low	0 – 39 points
Medium	40 – 53 points
High	54+ points

Behavioral Health Care	
Level of Impairment	Points Assigned
Low	0 – 38 points
Medium	39 – 53 points
High	54+ points

Neuro/Stroke Rehabilitation	
Level of Impairment	Points Assigned
Low	0 – 45 points
Medium	46 – 61 points
High	62+ points

Complex Nursing Interventions	
Level of Impairment	Points Assigned
Low	0 – 36 points
Medium	37 – 57 points
High	58+ points

Wounds	
Level of Impairment	Points Assigned
Low	0 – 43 points
Medium	44 – 63 points
High	64+ points

MMTA	
Level of Impairment	Points Assigned
Low	0 – 37 points
Medium	38 – 53 points
High	54+ points

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