

Coding Tips and Examples for GG0170F, Toilet Transfer

The activity includes the patient getting on and off a toilet or commode.

Use of assistive device(s) and adaptive equipment (for instance a grab bar or elevated toilet) required to complete the toilet transfer **should not affect coding of the activity**.

If the only help a patient needs to complete the toilet transfer activity is for a helper to retrieve and place the toilet seat riser, and remove it after patient use, then enter code 05, Setup or clean-up assistance.

Toileting hygiene and clothing management are not considered part of the toilet transferring activity.

If the patient requires assistance from two or more helpers to get on and off the toilet or commode, then enter code 01, Dependent.

Examples of Coding GG0170F, Toilet Transfer

Example 1

The assessing clinician notes that the home health aide visit note (documented on the afternoon visit on the SOC date) stated that the aide needed to steady Mrs. Z with a light contact when the patient lowers her underwear and then transfers onto the toilet. After voiding, Mrs. Z cleanses herself. She then stands up supporting her own weight as the aide steadies her. Mrs. Z pulls up her underwear as the aide steadies her to ensure Mrs. Z does not lose her balance.

Coding: GG0170F, Toilet transfer, SOC Performance would be coded 04, Supervision or touching assistance.

Rationale: The aide provides steadying assistance only as the patient transfers on and off the toilet. Assistance with managing clothing and cleansing is coded under item GG0130C, Toileting hygiene, and is not considered when rating the Toilet transfer item.

Example 2

At SOC, Mrs. S is on bedrest due to a new medical complication. She uses a bedpan for bladder and bowel management. The assessing clinician expects the patient will return to independent use of the bathroom toilet once the current condition resolves.

Coding: GG0170F, Toilet transfer SOC Performance would be coded 88, Not attempted due to medical condition or safety concerns. Discharge Goal would be coded 06 Independent.

Rationale: At SOC, the patient does not transfer onto or off a toilet due to being on bedrest because of a new medical condition, but was able to perform this activity prior to the current medical condition. It is expected that the patient will be independent in the activity at discharge.