



**RUG IV &
MN Case Mix**

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Objectives

- o By the end of this session the participant will be able to:
 - o State the reasons for the transition to RUG IV
 - o Know what to expect before and during the RUG IV transition January 1, 2012
 - o Be able to access Consumer Education materials related to RUG IV when they are available.



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Why RUG IV?



- o Used the best information we had
- o The times they are a-changing
- o RUG III now outdated



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What Will Change?


- o Moving from 36 to 50 groups
- o Some items will no longer be taken into consideration
- o Some items are new
- o Only care received after resident admitted/re-entered will count



What Items Won't Count?

o Effective January 1, 2012 these areas will no longer impact RUG classifications:


- o Active Diagnosis -Aphasia (I4300)
- o Health Conditions- Dehydration (J1550C)
- o Health Conditions- Internal Bleeding (J1550D)



What Items Won't Count?


o Effective January 1, 2012 these areas will no longer impact RUG classifications:

- o Skin Conditions- Stage I Pressure Ulcers (M0330A)
- o Medications- Injections (N0300)



What Items Won't Count?

- Effective January 1, 2012 these areas will no longer impact RUG classifications:
- Special Treatments **While Not a Resident** (00100A-J) including: chemotherapy, radiation, oxygen therapy, suctioning, tracheostomy care, ventilator or respirator, IV medications, transfusions and dialysis.




What Items Won't Count?

- Effective January 1, 2012 these areas will no longer impact RUG classifications:
- Special Treatments While a Resident (00100D2) suctioning
- Physician's Visits
- Physician's Orders



What New Items Will Count?

- Effective January 1, 2012 these new areas will impact RUGs classifications.
- Functional Status (G0110H2) Eating Support Provided
- Active Diagnoses (I5300) Parkinson's Disease



What New Items Will Count?

- Effective January 1, 2012 these new areas will impact RUGs classifications.
- Active Diagnoses (I6200) Asthma/COPD or Chronic Lung Disease
- Active Diagnoses (I6300) Respiratory Failure

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What New Items Will Count?

- Effective January 1, 2012 these new areas will impact RUGs classifications.
- Health Conditions (J1100C) Shortness of Breath or Trouble Breathing When Lying Flat

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What New Items Will Count?

- Effective January 1, 2012 these new areas will impact RUGs classifications.
- Medications (N0350A) Insulin Injections
- Medications (N0350B) Insulin Order Changes
- Special Treatments While a Resident (O0100M2) Isolation

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What New Items Will Count?

- o Effective January 1, 2012 these new areas will impact RUGs classifications.
- o Therapies (00400A5) SLP/audiology start date
- o Therapies (00400A6) SLP/audiology stop date
- o Therapies (00400B5) OT start date
- o Therapies (00400B6) OT stop date
- o Therapies (00400C5) PT start date
- o Therapies (00400C6) PT stop date





O0100M, Isolation for Infections Diseases

- o Strict isolation only
 - o Active infection - highly transmissible
- o Transmission-based precautions
 - o Alone in room BECAUSE of ACTIVE INFECTION
 - o Must remain in his/her room




When will it Change?

- o All residents will be moving to a RUG IV classification and payment rate the same date.
- o **January 1, 2012**
- o Case Mix Effective Date Key to Determining Which RUGs will be used.



How Will We Change?


- o Assessments Case Mix Effective Date of January 1, 2012 will have a RUG-IV Case Mix classification
- o Admission assessments - Effective date of admission
- o Quarterly and Annual assessments - Effective the first of the month after the ARD
- o Significant Change in Status - Effective on the ARD
- o Significant Correction of Quarterly or Comprehensive - Effective the date of the original assessment



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How Will We Change?


- o RUG-IV transition notice will be posted to the facilities state reports page on December 13 or 14, 2011 for all residents that have an open record in the Case Mix System
- o A Checklist will also be posted
- o NO Validation report will be posted



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How Will We Change?


- o This will be in addition to the normal processing of submission made on the preceding day.
- o Residents may submit a Request for Reconsideration based on the new RUG-IV classification.



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How Will We Change?


- Quarterlies and Annual Assessments with an ARD of December 1, 2011 and later will receive a RUG-IV Classification Notice.
- No RUG-IV transition notice generated.



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How Will We Change?


- Assessments that have an CMR effective date prior to January 1, 2012 but the payment period extends past January 1, 2012.
 - Will get transition letter
 - RUG-III in effect through December 31, 2011
 - RUG-IV Effective January 1, 2012 until effective date of the next assessment used for Case Mix



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How Will We Change?


- What happens after the transition notice has been provided & a new assessment is completed. A significant change in status assessment is completed or a new resident is admitted.
 - If the CMR effective date is prior to January 1, 2012 then both a RUG-III classification notice will be generated along with a transition letter with the new RUG-IV effective January 1, 2012.



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How Will We Change?


- o An assessment is submitted on or after January 1, 2012 that has an CMR effective date prior to January 1.
 - o Both a RUG-III Notice and RUG-IV transition letter will be generated.
 - o RUG-III for billable days prior to January 1.
 - o RUG-IV for Jan 1, and after.
- o Applies to Modifications and Corrections



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How Will We Change?

- o Both RUG-III and RUG-IV classification notices will be post as a single PDF.
- o RUG-IV Transition Fact Sheet included in the Handouts and posted on the web.
- o Sample RUG-IV Transition Notice is included in the handouts and is posted on the web



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How will this Affect Me?

- o Administrators
- o MDS Coordinators
- o Business Office Staff
- o Other Staff Involved with the MDS



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How will this Affect Me?

- o Administrators
 - o Residents may be classified into different RUG-IV groups
 - o Many residents may have a change in rate either an increase or decrease when their "care needs" have not changed
 - o Residents may have the same Case mix classification in RUG-III and RUG-IV but have a rate increase.

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How will this Affect Me?

- o Administrators
 - o Resident's, Family Members and Resident Representatives will want an explanation re: the change in rates.
 - o Prepare staff to discuss the change with residents and families.

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How will this Affect Me?

- o MDS Coordinators
 - o Understand transition letter and notice process described earlier
 - o Understand how RUG-IV 48 grouper is calculated
 - o Understand differences between Medicare RUG-IV and Case Mix RUG-IV
 - o Will get the question " Why am I paying for therapy twice?"

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How will this Affect Me?

- o Business Office Staff
 - o Watch CMR effective dates to know to bill either RUG-III or RUG-IV
 - o Assessments may be billed both as RUG-III and RUG-IV if in effect prior to and after January 1, 2012



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How will this Affect Me?


- o Other Staff Involved with the MDS



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More Data Available


- o CMR has posted Tables showing the distribution of RUG-III classifications to RUG-IV.
- o Check CMR Website
- o <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fpc/profinfo/cms/casemix.html>
- o Look at your RUG-IV rate sheet (when available) to gage impact on specific resident



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How Will We Let Consumers Know?


- o Transition Letter
- o Revised Case Mix Classification Notices
- o RUG-IV Fact Sheets
 - o Available on Website
 - o Facility may provide
- o Ombudsman Office



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RESOURCE INFORMATION

- o Case Mix Review Web Address - <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fpc/proinfo/cms/casemix.html>
- o Minnesota MDS 3.0 Web Address - http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fpc/MinnesotaMDS3_0.html
- o Case Mix Review Phone Number - 651-201-4301



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