What assessments are used for Case Mix?

What is case mix?
Minnesota Case Mix is a system that classifies residents into distinct groups called Resource Utilization Groups (RUGs) based on the resident’s condition and the care the resident was receiving at the time of the assessment. These groups determine the daily rate the facility charges for the resident’s care. A value is assigned to each classification, which is used to calculate the daily rate of payment.

How often are assessments completed?
Nursing Facilities are required to complete assessments on residents at least every 92 days. A comprehensive assessment (Admission, Significant Change in Status or Annual) is required at least every 366 days.

Which assessments are used by Minnesota Case Mix to generate RUG Classifications and when are they completed?

Note: Minnesota Case Mix does not use assessments completed solely for Medicare.

Admission Assessment: A comprehensive assessment completed
- when the resident first enters a nursing facility; OR
- when the resident reenters a nursing home after being gone 30 days or longer; OR
- when a resident returns to a nursing facility after being discharged return not anticipated.

Quarterly Assessment: Completed at least every 92 days following the previous assessment. It is used to track a resident’s status between comprehensive assessments.

Annual Assessment: Completed at least every 92 days following the previous assessment and at least every 366 days following the most recent comprehensive assessment (Admission, Annual or Significant Change in Status)

Significant Change in Status Assessment: Completed when there is a decline or improvement in the resident’s condition that:
1. will not normally resolve itself without intervention by staff and is not self limiting; AND
2. impacts more than one area of the resident’s health status; AND
3. Requires interdisciplinary review and/or revision of the care plan.

Note: A Significant Change in Status Assessment must be completed when a resident enrolls or revokes hospice after the admission assessment is submitted.