

MDS Changes: Section K Swallowing-Nutritional Status

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### **Objectives:**

- Describe the new data element in Section K
- Discuss the revised coding instructions and guidance changes for this new data element K0520.
- Explain minor changes to K0710.
- Introduction and review of OSA Assessments



#### **Detailed Overview**

- Guidance and examples for the items in Section K now includes some minor wording changes.
- K0510. Nutritional Approaches has been replaced with a newer version K0520. Nutritional Approaches.
  - References to K0510 have been replaced by K0520.
- **K0710. Percent Intake by Artificial Route** includes minor changes to the steps for assessment and to instructions due to the new columns included in 0520.



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#### **K0520**

Nutritional Approaches



#### **K0520: Implications**

- Data element **K0520. Nutritional Approaches** has been revised from the original K0510.
- The content for **K0520** and the **Item Rationale** is unchanged.
- · Changes include:
  - New columns for assessment on admission and at discharge.
  - New and updated examples.
  - For additional information please refer to the MDS 3.0 RAI Manual v1.18.11.



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#### **K0520 Nutritional Approaches**

Columns 1 and 4: 3-day look back period Columns 2 and 3: 7-day

Admission     Assessment period is days 1 through 3 of the SNF PPS Stay starting with A24008     While Not a Resident	1. On Admission	2. While Not a Resident	3. While a Resident	4. At Discharge
Performed while NOT a resident of this facility and within the last 7 days. Only check column 2 if resident entered (admission or reentry) IN THE LAST 7 DAYS. If resident last entered 7 or more days ago, leave column 2 blank.  3. While a Resident Performed while a resident of this facility and within the last 7 days A th Discharge Assessment period is the last 3 days of the SNF PPS Stay ending on A2400C	Check all that apply ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓			
A. Parenteral/IV feeding				
B. Feeding tube - nasogastric or abdominal (PEG)				
C. Mechanically altered diet - require change in texture of food or liquids (e.g., pureed food, thickened liquids)				
D. Therapeutic diet (e.g., low salt, diabetic, low cholesterol)				
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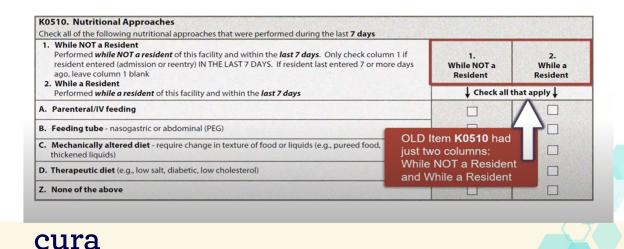
#### **Definitions: Therapeutic Diet REVISED**

- A therapeutic diet is a diet intervention prescribed by a physician or other
  authorized non-physician practitioner that provides food or nutrients via oral,
  enteral, and or parenteral routes as part of treatment of disease or clinical
  condition to modify, eliminate, decrease or increase identified micro-and
  macro-nutrients in the diet. 1 in 3 hospitalized patients are malnourished.
- Note that other definitions in the RAI Manual Section did not change.
   (Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 2020)



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#### **K0510.** Nutritional Approaches – OLD ITEM



#### **K0520.** Nutritional Approaches – **Assessment Periods** K0520. Nutritional Approaches Check all of the following nutritional approaches that apply 1. On Admission Assessment period is days 1 through 3 of the SNF PPS Stay starting with A2400B 2. While Not a Resident Performed while NOT a resident of this facility and within the last 7 days Only check column 2 if resident entered (admission or reentry) IN THE LAST 7 DAYS. If resident last entered 7 or more days ago, leave co 3. While a Resident Performed while a resident of this facility and within the last 7 days 4. At Discharge At Discharge for PPS stays ONLY Performed wnine a resident of the SNF PPS Stay ending on A2400C Assessment period is the last 3 days of the SNF PPS Stay ending on A2400C On Admission for While a Resident While Not a Resident On Idmission PPS stays ONLY ↓ Check all that apply↓ A. Parenteral/IV feeding B. Feeding tube (e.g., nasogastric or abdominal (PEG)) Mechanically altered diet - require change in texture of food or liquids (e.g., pureed food, thickened liquids) Therapeutic diet (e.g., low salt, diabetic, low cholesterol)

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#### **K0520**

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## **Coding Guidance**



#### **K0520: Steps for Assessment**

- 1. Review the medical record to determine if any of the listed nutritional approaches were performed during the 7-day look-back period.
- 2. If none apply, check K0520Z. None of the above.



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#### **K0520:** General Coding Instructions

Check all nutritional approaches that apply.

- K0520A. Parenteral/IV feeding.
- **K0520B.** Feeding tube nasogastric or abdominal (PEG).
- **K0520C. Mechanically altered diet** require change in texture of food or liquids (e.g., pureed food, thickened liquids).
- **K0520D.** Therapeutic diet (e.g., low salt, diabetic, low cholesterol).
- K0520Z. None if the above (if none apply).



#### **K0520: Coding Instructions – Column 1**

#### Column 1, On Admission

• Check all nutritional approaches performed during the first 3 days of the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) PPS Stay.



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#### **K0520: Coding Instructions – Column 2**

- Column 2, While Not a Resident
  - Check all nutritional approaches performed prior to admission/entry or reentry to the facility and within the 7-day look-back period
  - Leave Column 2 blank if the resident was admitted or reentered the facility more than 7 days ago.



#### **K0520: Coding Instructions – Column 3**

#### Column 3, While a Resident

 Check all nutritional approaches performed after admission/entry or reentry to the facility and within the 7day look-back period.



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#### **K0520: Coding Instructions – Column 4**

#### Column 4, At Discharge.

• Check all nutritional approaches performed within the last 3 days of the SNF PPS Stay.



#### **K0520A:** Parenteral/IV Feeding – Coding Tips

- K0520A includes any and all nutrition and hydration received by the nursing home resident during the observation period either at the nursing home or at the hospital as an outpatient or an inpatient, provided they were administered for nutrition or hydration.
- Supporting documentation should be noted in the resident's medical record as defined by the facility policy and/or according to State and Federal regulations.



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#### **K0520B: Feeding Tube – Coding Tips**

 Only feeding tubes that are used to deliver nutritive substances and/or hydration during the assessment period are coded in K0520B.



# **K0520C:** Mechanically Altered Diet – Coding Tip NEW

 Assessors should not capture a trial of a mechanically altered diet (e.g., pureed food thickened liquids) during the observation in K0520C. Mechanically altered diet.



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### **K0710**

Percent Intake by Artificial Route



#### **K0710.** Percent Intake by Artificial Route

Minor change to completion instructions due to the new columns included in K0520.

 Complete K0710 only if Column 2 (While Not a Resident) and/or Column 3 (While a Resident) are checked for K0520A. Parenteral/IV feeding and/or K0520B. Feeding tube.





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#### **K0710A: Steps for Assessment - REVISED**

- 1. Review intake records within the last 7 days to determine actual intake through parenteral or tube feeding routes.
- 2. Calculate proportion of total calories received through these routes.
  - If the resident took no food or fluids by mouth or took just sips of fluid, stop here and **code 3**, **51% or more**.
  - If the resident had more substantial oral intake than sips of fluid consult the dietitian.



#### **Optional State Assessment - OSA**

**Intent:** The Optional State Assessment (OSA) item set may be required by a State Medicaid Agency to calculate the Resource Utilization Group (RUG)-III or RUG-IV case mix group Health Insurance Prospective Payment System (HIPPS) code for state payment purposes.

Several items that have been removed from all Federally required item sets remain on the OSA for the purpose of calculating RUG-III/RUG-IV HIPPS codes, those include:

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√ A0300 ✓ D0300 ✓ K0510 ✓ O0450 ✓ O0700
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✓ D0200 ✓ G0110 ✓ O0100 ✓ O0600 ✓ X0570



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#### **OSA Assessment**

- OSA Effective 10/1/23
- Not a federally required assessment
- OSA assessments are at the discretion of each state agency for payment purposes.
- OSA assessments are stand alone assessments and can not be combined with any other assessment
- Increase in the number of assessments completed at least one additional assessment for each Medicaid resident per quarter



#### **Summary**

A new data element, K0520, has replaced the K0510 item in Section K.

- New columns for the item capture data on admission and again at discharge.
- Updated coding instructions to capture data for the four new and revised assessment timeframes

Slight revisions to steps for assessment for **K0710**. **Percent Intake by Artificial Route**.

OSA assessments may required to calculate RUG case mix



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#### **Resources:**

- "Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Manual." CMS.Gov, www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/MDS30RAIManual. Accessed 3 Aug. 2023.
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## Questions

