

Home Health Quality of Patient Care Star Rating, Value-Based Purchasing, and OASIS-D1

Home Health Compare uses a star rating (Quality of Patient Care Star Rating) between 1 and 5 to show people how a home health agency (HHA) compares to other HHAs on measurements of their performance. The star ratings are based on eight (effective April 2018) measures of quality that give a general overview of performance.

Across the country, most agencies fall in the middle, with 3 or 3½ stars being the average rating across the nine measures. A star rating higher than 3½ means that an agency performed better than average compared to other agencies. A star rating lower than 3 means that an agency's performance was below average compared to other HHAs.

Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) is a pilot program that began January 1, 2016, in nine states across the country, and it is continuing to run through 2020. All Medicare-certified HHAs that provide services in Massachusetts, Maryland, North Carolina, Florida, Washington, Arizona, Iowa, Nebraska, and Tennessee will compete on value in the Home Health VBP model, where payment is tied to quality performance. HHAs in these nine states will have their payments adjusted in the following manner:

- A maximum payment adjustment of 3% (upward or downward) in 2018
- A maximum payment adjustment of 5% (upward or downward) in 2019
- A maximum payment adjustment of 6% (upward or downward) in 2020
- A maximum payment adjustment of 7% (upward or downward) in 2021
- A maximum payment adjustment of 8% (upward or downward) in 2022

This model is designed so that there is no selection bias, participants are representative of HHAs nationally, and there is sufficient participation to generate meaningful results among all Medicare-certified HHAs nationally.

Table 3.4 is a chart that acknowledges the OASIS M items that are subject to the calculations for VBP and the Quality of Patient Care Star Rating.

Chapter 3: Home Health PDGM and OASIS-D1

Table 3.4 OASIS Items Subject to VBP and Star Ratings

Outcome & Process Measures	VBP	Source	Star Rating
Timely Initiation of Care (process)		Multiple	★
Improvement in Ambulation/Locomotion (outcome)		M1860	★
Improvement in Transferring (outcome)		M1850	★
Improvement in Bathing (outcome)		M1830	★
Improvement in Management of Oral Meds (outcome)	✓	M2020	★
Improvement in Pain Interfering with Activity (outcome)	✓	M1242	★
Improvement in Shortness of Breath (outcome)	✓	M1400	★
60-Day Acute Hospitalization Rate (claims)	✓	Claims	★
60-Day Emergency Department Use (claims)	✓	Claims	
Discharged to Community (outcomes)	✓	M2420	
Total Normalized Composite Change in Self-Care: (outcomes)	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	M1800 M1810 M1820 M1830 M1845 M1870	
Total Normalized Composite Change in Mobility: (outcomes)	✓ ✓ ✓	M1840 M1850 M1860	

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Added to VBP effective 01/01/2019. This item is included in the calculation of the Total Performance Score (TPS) in the 2016–2020 Value-Based Purchasing Pilot. Please educate heavily on the impact of this item.

Tip: Grooming includes several activities. Consider all of them when responding, and also consider the frequency at which they are necessary.

This item is included in the 2019 Composite Outcome Measures: Total Normalized Composite Change in Self-Care.

PDGM Case-Mix Question Alert

Responses available for M1810

0— Able to groom self unaided, with or without the use of assistive devices or adapted methods.	0 points awarded if 0 or 1 is marked.
1—Grooming utensils must be placed within reach before able to complete grooming activities.	
2—Someone must assist the patient to groom self.	5 points awarded if 2 or 3 is marked.
3—Patient depends entirely upon someone else for grooming needs.	

CASE-MIX TIPS

- Observe the patient gathering the equipment and going through the motions of grooming.
- If the patient's ability varies over time, choose the response that describes the patient's ability more than 50% of the time period under consideration.

(M1810) (SRFOD)

—Current Ability to Dress Upper Body Safely (with or without dressing aids) including undergarments, pullovers, front-opening shirts and blouses, managing zippers, buttons, and snaps

- Includes the ability to obtain, put on, and remove upper-body clothing.

PDGM Case-Mix Question Alert

Responses available for M1810

0—Able to get clothes out of closets and drawers, put them on, and remove them from the upper body without assistance.	0 points if 0 or 1 is marked
1—Able to dress upper body without assistance if clothing is laid out or handed to the patient.	6 points awarded if 2 or 3 is marked.
2—Someone must help with putting on upper-body clothing	
3—Patient depends entirely on another person to dress the upper body.	

CASE-MIX TIPS

- Opening/removing upper-body garments for physical assessment of heart and lungs provides an ideal opportunity to assess the upper-extremity range of motion, coordination, and manual dexterity needed for dressing.
- Asking the patient to demonstrate motions of dressing, especially lifting arms, will aid in assessment of ability.
- Assess ability for putting on clothing that the patient wears routinely.
- If an RN is performing the OASIS assessments, ensure that he or she totally understands the functional evaluation of the patient and the effect that the functional assessment has on the need for therapy treatment in the home.

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Tip: Prosthetic, orthotic, or other support devices applied to the upper body (for example, upper-extremity prosthesis, cervical collar, or arm sling) should be considered upper-body dressing items.

This item is included in the 2019 Composite Outcome Measures: Total Normalized Composite Change in Self-Care.

(M1820) (SRFOD)

—Ability to Dress Lower Body Safely (with or without dressing aids) including undergarments, slacks, socks or nylons, shoes

- Includes the ability to obtain, put on, and remove lower-body clothing.

PDGM Case-Mix Question Alert

Responses available for M1820

0—Able to obtain, put on, and remove clothing and shoes without assistance	0 points if 0 or 1 is marked
1—Able to dress lower body without assistance if clothing and shoes are laid out or handed to the patient	5 points awarded if 2 is marked 12 points awarded if 3 is marked
2—Someone must help with putting on undergarments, slacks, socks or nylons, and shoes	
3—Patient depends entirely on another person to dress lower body	