

PDPM: What is Behavioral Symptoms and Cognitive Performance? (BAB1, BAB2)

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PDPM Case Mix Review Fact Sheet #10

What is Case Mix?

Minnesota Case Mix uses the Nursing Component of the Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) to classify residents into distinct groups, based on the resident's condition and the care the resident received at the time of the assessment. A value is assigned to each group, which is then used to calculate the daily rate of payment.

The Behavioral Symptoms and Cognitive Performance group includes residents who received assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs), such as bed mobility, eating, transferring from one surface to another, and toileting. In addition, residents classified in the Behavioral Symptoms and Cognitive Performance group meet at least one of the following criteria:

- A BIMS (Brief Interview for Mental Status) score of nine or less and a Nursing Function Score of 11 or more— See fact sheet “Determining Cognitive Impairment” OR
- A Nursing Function Score of 11 or more and the Staff Assessment was used to determine cognitive performance and at least one of the following conditions were met:
 - Comatose and completely ADL dependent or the ADL did not occur.
 - Severely impaired cognitive skills for daily decision making
 - Two or more of the following impairment indicators are present. The resident has:
 - Difficulty making self-understood
 - Short-term memory impairment
 - Decision making Impairment, **and**
 - At least one of the following severe communication or cognitive limitations:
 - Sometimes or rarely/never makes self-understood
 - Moderately or Severely Impaired cognitive skills for daily decision making
- Had any of the following symptoms or behaviors:
 - Hallucinations
 - Delusions
 - Physical behavioral symptoms directed towards others

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- Verbal behavioral symptoms directed towards others
- Other behavioral symptoms not directed towards others
- Rejection of care
- Wandering

The four classifications in the Special Care High category are further broken down based on the Nursing Function Score

The two classifications of Behavioral Symptoms and Cognitive Performance group are further broken down based on the Nursing Function Score and whether the resident received restorative nursing services. The number two (2) at the end of the classification (BAB2) indicates restorative nursing services were provided. See “What are Restorative Nursing Programs?” and “What is a Nursing Function Score?” fact sheets.

If you believe an assessment is inaccurate for the observation period covered by the assessment, you may submit a request for reconsideration. (See separate fact sheet for “Requesting a Reconsideration.”)

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