

MALNUTRITION CARE SCORE (CMS986v6)

Possible Combinations of Measure Observations and the Expected Total Malnutrition Care Score as a Percentage

Reporting Period CY 2027 / Submission Period CY 2028 / Payment Period FY 2029

Important: (1) This table is not comprehensive; there may be scenario combinations that are possible but not reflected in this document. (2) This table assumes admission as an inpatient visit of a patient aged 18 years or older, with a length of stay of 24 hours or more, as well as without a discharge disposition for hospice care or a hospice care order during the visit. (3) For Measure Observation #2, if more than one Nutrition Assessment has been completed during the inpatient visit, the measure will consider the most recent result.

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Screened, Not at Risk, No Referral, With or Without Assessment, Diagnosis, and/or Nutrition Care Plan	1	N	N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	1	1	100%
Screened, Not Risk, Referral, Assessed, Not/Mildly Malnourished, With or Without Diagnosis and/or Nutrition Care Plan	1	N	Y	1	N	Y/N	Y/N	2	2	100%
Screened, Not at Risk, Referral, Not Assessed, With or Without Diagnosis and/or Nutrition Care Plan	1	N	Y	0	N/A	0	0	1	2	50%
Screened, Not at Risk, Referral, Assessed, Moderately/Severely Malnourished, Diagnosis, Nutrition Care Plan	1	N	Y	1	Y	1	1	4	4	100%
Screened, Not at Risk, Referral, Assessed, Moderately/Severely Malnourished, No Diagnosis, Nutrition Care Plan	1	N	Y	1	Y	0	1	3	4	75%
Screened, Not at Risk, Referral, Assessed, Moderately/Severely Malnourished, Diagnosis, No Nutrition Care Plan	1	N	Y	1	Y	1	0	3	4	75%

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Screened, Not at Risk, Referral, Assessed, Moderately/Severely Malnourished, No Diagnosis, No Nutrition Care Plan	1	N	Y	1	Y	0	0	2	4	50%
Screened, At Risk, With or Without Referral, Not assessed, With or Without Diagnosis and/or Nutrition Care Plan	1	Y	Y/N	0	N/A	0	0	1	2	50%
Screened, At Risk, With or Without Referral, Assessed, Not/Mildly Malnourished, With or Without Diagnosis and/or Nutrition Care Plan	1	Y	Y/N	1	N	0	0	2	2	100%
Screened, At Risk, With or Without Referral, Assessed, Moderately/Severely Malnourished, Diagnosis, Nutrition Care Plan	1	Y	Y/N	1	Y	1	1	4	4	100%
Screened, At Risk, With or Without Referral, Assessed, Moderately/Severely Malnourished, No Diagnosis, Nutrition Care Plan	1	Y	Y/N	1	Y	0	1	3	4	75%
Screened, At Risk, With or Without Referral, Assessed, Moderately/Severely Malnourished, Diagnosis, No Nutrition Care Plan	1	Y	Y/N	1	Y	1	0	3	4	75%
Screened, At Risk, With or Without Referral, Assessed, Moderately/Severely Malnourished, No Diagnosis, No Nutrition Care Plan	1	Y	Y/N	1	Y	0	0	2	4	50%

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Not screened, No Referral, With or Without Nutrition Assessment, Diagnosis and/or Nutrition Care Plan	0	N/A	N	Y/N	N/A	Y/N	Y/N	0	2	0%
Not screened, Referral, Not Assessed, With or Without Diagnosis and/or Nutrition Care Plan	0	N/A	Y MO#1 = 1	0	N/A	0	0	1	2	50%
Not screened, Referral, Assessed, Not/Mildly Malnourished, With or Without Diagnosis and Nutrition Care Plan	0	N/A	Y MO#1 = 1	1	N	N/A	N/A	2	2	100%
Not Screened, Referral, Assessed, Moderately/Severely Malnourished, Diagnosis, Nutrition Care Plan	0	N/A	Y MO#1 = 1	1	Y	1	1	4	4	100%
Not screened, Referral, Assessed, Moderately/Severely Malnourished, No Diagnosis, Nutrition Care Plan	0	N/A	Y MO#1 = 1	1	Y	0	1	3	4	75%
Not screened, Referral, Assessed, Moderately/Severely Malnourished, Diagnosis, No Nutrition Care Plan	0	N/A	Y MO#1 = 1	1	Y	1	0	3	4	75%
Not screened, Referral, Assessed, Moderately/Severely Malnourished, No Diagnosis, No Nutrition Care Plan	0	N/A	Y MO#1 = 1	1	Y	0	0	2	4	50%
Screened Two Times - 1st At Risk Then Not at Risk, Referral, Assessed, Moderately/Severely Malnourished, Diagnosis, Nutrition Care Plan	1	Y⇒N	Y	1	Y	1	1	4	4	100%

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Screened Two Times - 1st At Risk Then Not at Risk, No Referral, Assessed, Moderately/Severely Malnourished, Diagnosis, Nutrition Care Plan	1	Y→N	N	0	Y	0	0	1	1	100%
Screened Two Times - 1st At Risk Then Not At Risk, Referral, Assessed, Mild/Not Malnourished, Diagnosis, Nutrition Care Plan	1	Y→N	Y	1	N	0	0	2	2	100%
Screened Two Times - 1st At Risk Then Not At Risk, No Referral, Assessed, Mild/Not Malnourished, Diagnosis, Nutrition Care Plan	1	Y→N	N	0	N	0	0	1	1	100%
Screened Two Times - 1st Not At Risk Then Not At Risk, Referral, Assessed, Moderately/Severely Malnourished, Diagnosis, Nutrition Care Plan	1	N→N	Y	1	Y	1	1	4	4	100%
Screened Two Times - 1st Not At Risk Then At Risk, No Referral, Assessed, Moderately/Severely Malnourished, Diagnosis, Nutrition Care Plan	1	N→Y	N	0	Y	0	0	1	1	100%
Screened Two Times - 1st Not At Risk Then At Risk, Referral, Assessed, Mild/Not Malnourished, Diagnosis, Nutrition Care Plan	1	N→Y	Y	1	N	0	0	2	2	100%
Screened Two Times - 1st Not At Risk Then At Risk, Referral, Assessed, Mild/Not Malnourished, Diagnosis, Nutrition Care Plan	1	N→Y	N	1	N	0	0	2	2	100%

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Screened – First Not At Risk then At Risk, Referral, Assessed, Moderately/Severely Malnourished, Diagnosis, Nutrition Care Plan No Referral, Assessed, Mild/Not Malnourished, Diagnosis, Nutrition Care Plan	1	N→Y	Y	1	Y	1	1	4	4	100%

Legend:

MO = Measure Observation
N/A = Not Applicable
Y = Yes
N = No

*** Scoring Definitions:**

MO5 = Total Malnutrition Component Score = Functions as the numerator
Eligible Occurrence = Functions as the denominator
MO6 = Total Malnutrition Care Score as Percentage = MO5 ÷ Eligible Occurrence x100