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MALNUTRITION CONNECTION

Providing Malnutrition Awareness and Advocacy Information to Share

IT'S FINAL!

CMS includes Global Malnutrition Composite Score Measure in FY 23 Hospital Inpatient Rule

Marks 1st nutrition-focused quality measure included in any CMS payment program

Representing a [significant step forward](#) in addressing the crisis of malnutrition among older Americans, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has included the [Global Malnutrition Composite Score \(GMCS\)](#) as a new electronic clinical quality measure in the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program starting in 2024. The measure was part of the recently released CMS 2023 Inpatient Prospective Payment System [final rule](#). The Global Malnutrition Composite Score [measure](#) is a compelling and comprehensive tool that focuses on malnutrition screening, assessment, diagnosis and care planning for older hospitalized patients (aged 65+) and can help to both advance health equity and improve patient and hospital outcomes.

This is great progress and a reason to celebrate - but we're not quite done yet...

The measure steps will only help older Americans if the malnutrition quality care process is implemented by individual hospitals and health systems!

YOUR ADVOCACY IS NEEDED TO ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION:

While the measure steps are consistent with recognized components of nutrition care, hospitals vary in how the steps may be executed. Implementing the GMCS process helps ensure quality nutrition care and facilitates hospital reporting to CMS on this new voluntary measure.

We need your help to communicate to individual hospitals and health systems that there is a local need and demand for the malnutrition quality process as identified in the GMCS – and to directly ask them to move forward with implementation and measure reporting.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Hospitals that elect to report on the GMCS measure to CMS can leverage existing Malnutrition Quality Improvement Initiative (MQii) [resources](#) to support their quality improvement programs.
- Visit the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (Academy) [website](#) and the MQii Global Malnutrition Composite Score [webpage](#) for additional information. Attend a free Academy webinar [Quarterly Spotlight on Malnutrition](#) on August 10, 1:00-2:00 pm EDT.
- Learn more about how the GMCS measure [benefits](#) improved health equity and outcomes, as well as older adults and community nutrition programs.