



National Aged Care Mandatory Quality Indicator Program (QI Program)

Quality indicator data elements summary to
support QI Program expansion from 1 July 2021

March 2021



The following tables outline the data elements for each of the QI Program quality indicators for implementation from 1 July 2021.

This summary is intended to provide an outline of QI Program quality indicator data elements only. Adherence to the legislated requirements of the QI Program involves meeting the full requirements detailed in the QI Program Manual 2.0 which will be made available on the Department of Health's [website](#) when published.

Table 1: Pressure injuries

Quality indicator	<i>Percentage of care recipients with pressure injuries, reported against six pressure injury stages</i>
Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">One observation assessment for each care recipient, around the same time every quarter
QI reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Care recipients with one or more pressure injuriesCare recipients with one or more pressure injuries reported against each of the six pressure injury stages:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Stage 1 Pressure InjuryStage 2 Pressure InjuryStage 3 Pressure InjuryStage 4 Pressure InjuryUnstageable Pressure InjurySuspected Deep Tissue Injury
Additional reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Care recipients assessed for pressure injuriesCare recipients with one or more pressure injuries acquired outside of the service during the quarterCare recipients with one or more pressure injuries acquired outside of the service during the quarter, reported against each of the six pressure injury stages:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Stage 1 Pressure InjuryStage 2 Pressure InjuryStage 3 Pressure InjuryStage 4 Pressure InjuryUnstageable Pressure InjurySuspected Deep Tissue Injury
Exclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Care recipients who withheld consent to undergo an observation assessment for pressure injuries for the entire quarterCare recipients who were absent from the service for the entire quarter



Table 2: Physical restraint

Quality indicator	<i>Percentage of care recipients who were physically restrained</i>
Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A single three-day record review for each care recipient every quarter
QI reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care recipients who were physically restrained
Additional reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care recipients assessed for physical restraint• Care recipients who were physically restrained exclusively through the use of a secure area• Collection date
Exclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care recipients who were absent from the service for the entire three-day assessment period

Table 3: Unplanned weight loss - significant

Quality indicator	<i>Percentage of care recipients who experienced significant unplanned weight loss (5% or more)</i>
Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The weight of each care recipient is collected in the last month (finishing weight) of the quarter and compared to their weight at the last month (finishing weight) of the previous quarter to determine percentage of weight loss
QI reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care recipients who experienced significant unplanned weight loss (5% or more)
Additional reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care recipients assessed for significant unplanned weight loss
Exclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care recipients who withheld consent to be weighed• Care recipients who are receiving end-of-life care• Care recipients who did not have the required weight records available and comments providing explanation as to why the weight recording/s are absent



Table 4: Unplanned weight loss - consecutive

Quality indicator	<i>Percentage of care recipients who experienced consecutive unplanned weight loss</i>
Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Three monthly weights are collected for each care recipient every quarter and are compared against each other, as well as the finishing weight from the previous quarter, to determine consecutive unplanned weight loss
QI reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Care recipients who experienced consecutive unplanned weight loss of any amount
Additional reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Care recipients assessed for consecutive unplanned weight loss
Exclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Care recipients who withheld consent to be weighed at the starting, middle and/or finishing weight collection datesCare recipients who are receiving end-of-life careCare recipients who did not have their previous, starting, middle and/or finishing weight recorded and comments providing explanation as to why the weight recording/s are absent

Table 5: Falls and major injury

Quality indicator	<i>Percentage of care recipients who experienced one or more falls</i> <i>Percentage of care recipients who experienced one or more falls resulting in major injury</i>
Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A single review of the care records of each care recipient for the entire quarter
QI reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Care recipients who experienced a fall (one or more) at the service during the quarterCare recipients who experienced a fall (one or more) at the service resulting in major injury, or injuries, during the quarter
Additional reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Care recipients assessed for falls and major injury
Exclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Care recipients who were absent from the service for the entire quarter



Table 6: Medication management - polypharmacy

Quality indicator	<i>Percentage of care recipients who were prescribed nine or more medications</i>
Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A single review of medication charts and/or administration records for each care recipient on a selected collection date every quarter
QI reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care recipients who were prescribed nine or more medications
Additional reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care recipients assessed for polypharmacy• Collection date
Exclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care recipients admitted to hospital on the collection date

Table 7: Medication management - antipsychotics

Quality indicator	<i>Percentage of care recipients who received antipsychotic medications</i>
Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A seven-day medication chart and/or administration record review for each care recipient every quarter
QI reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care recipients who received an antipsychotic medication
Additional reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care recipients assessed for antipsychotic medications• Care recipients who received an antipsychotic medication for a diagnosed condition of psychosis• Collection date
Exclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care recipients who were admitted to hospital for the entire seven-day assessment period