

RUG-III Classification & Hierarchy

Assumes average VA resident in CNH is rated at Clinically Complex. If this is not the case, VACO will re-stratify rates.

Per Diem rate for Clinically Complex = 1. Other rates are percentage increase/ decrease from the Clinically Complex average.

Additional flexibility in rate structure will require consultation with G&EC. VA rates cannot be less than Medicaid rates for a given level of care.

Example: Clinically Complex PD at CNH is \$200. In this case a Special Care Per Diem = \$222.40.

Major RUG-III Group

Characteristics Associated with Major RUG-III Group

Rehabilitation Plus: RUX, RUL

Residents receiving physical, Extensive Services: RVX, RVL

Speech or occupational therapy AND RHX, RHL receiving IV feeding or 88.1% RMX, RML medications, suctioning, RLX tracheostomy care, or ventilator/ respirator.

Rehabilitation: RUA, RUB

Residents receiving physical, RUC, RVA speech or occupational therapy 56.2% RVB, RVC RHA, RHB RHC, RMA RMB, RMC RLA, RLB

Extensive Services: SE1, SE2

Residents receiving complex SE3 clinical care or with complex 35.2% clinical needs such as IV feeding or medications, suctioning, tracheostomy care, ventilator/ respirator and co-morbidities that make the resident eligible for other RUG categories.

Special Care : SSA, SSB

Residents receiving complex SSC clinical care or with serious 11.2% medical conditions such as multiple sclerosis quadriplegia, cerebral palsy, respiratory therapy, ulcers, stage III or IV pressure ulcers, radiation, surgical wounds or open lesions, tube feeding and aphasia, fever with dehydration, pneumonia, vomiting, weight loss or tube feeding .

Clinically Complex: CA1, CA2

Residents receiving complex CB1, CB2 clinical care or with conditions 0.0% CC1, CC2 requiring skilled nursing management and interventions for conditions and treatments such as burns coma, septicemia, pneumonia, foot infections or wounds, internal bleeding, dehydration, tube feeding, oxygen, transfusions, hemiplegia, chemotherapy, dialysis, physician visits/order changes.

Impaired Cognition: IA1, IA2

Residents having cognitive IB2 impairment in decision-making, -20.2% recall and short-term memory (score on MDS 2.0 cognitive performance scale ≥ 3).

Behavior Problems: BA1, BA2:

Residents displaying behavior such BB1, BB2 as wandering, verbally or -21.6% physically abusive or socially inappropriate, or who experience hallucinations or delusions.

Reduced Physical: PA1, PA2:

Residents whose needs are primarily Function PB1, PB2 for activities of daily living and PC1, PC2 general supervision -18.1% PD1, PD2 PE1, PE2