Section N

Medications

Objectives

- State the intent of Section N Medications.

- Describe the information required to complete Section N.

- Code Section N correctly and accurately.

Section N Intent

- Record number of days that any type of injection, insulin, and/or select oral medications were received by the resident.

Section N	Medications
N0300. Injections	
N0300. Injections	...mber of days that **injections of any type** were received during the last 7 days or since admission/reentry if... Skip to N0400, Medications Received
N0350. Insulin	
N0350. Insulin	...**n injections - Record the number of days that insulin injections** were received during the last 7 days or since adm... ...y if less than 7 days
Enter Days ▢	**B. Orders for insulin - Record the number of days the physician (or authorized assistant or practitioner) changed the re... insulin orders** during the last 7 days or since admission/reentry if less than 7 days
N0400. Medications Received	
N0400. Medications Received	...received at any time during the last 7 days or since admission/reentry if less than 7 day...
▢	**B. Antianxiety**
▢	**C. Antidepressant**

Item N0300

Injections

N0300 Importance

- Frequency of administration of medication via injection can be an indication of:

    o   Stability of a resident's health status
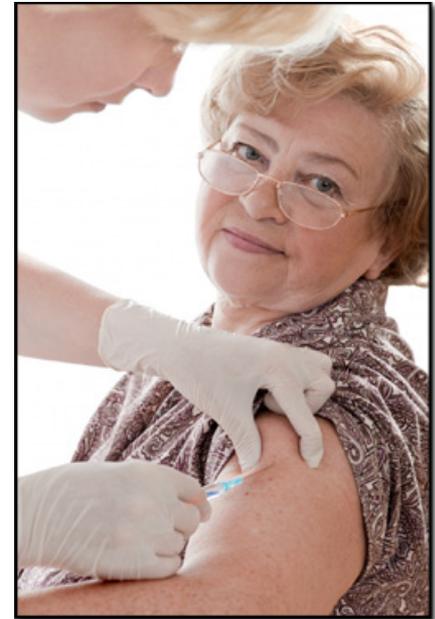
    o   Complexity of care needs

N0300. Injections

Enter Days	Record the **number of days that injections of any type were received** during the last 7 days or since admission/reentry if less than 7 days. If 0 → Skip to N0400, Medications Received

Record the number of days that injections of any type were received

N0300 Conduct the Assessment

- Review resident's medication administration records.

- Review documentation from other health care locations where resident may have received injections.

- Determine if any medications were received by the resident via injection.

- Determine the number of days during the look-back period injections were received.

N0300 Assessment Guidelines

- The look-back period is **7 days** or **since admission/ reentry** if less than 7 days.

- Includes any type of medication, antigen, or vaccine (including insulin injections).

- May be administered by subcutaneous, intramuscular, or intradermal injection.
  - o Includes subcutaneous pumps such as insulin pumps.

- Record number of days injections were received.

- Do not record the number of injections.

N0300 Coding Instructions

- Count the number of days that the resident received any type of injection:
  - o During the look-back period

    AND
  - o While a resident of the nursing home

- Record number of days that any type of injection was received.

N0300. Injections

Enter Days	Record the number **of days that injections of any type** were received during the last 7 days or since admission/reentry if less than 7 days. If 0 → Skip to N0400, Medications Received
2	

N0300. Injections

Enter Days	Record
2	7 days.

N0300 Scenario #1

- During the look-back period, Mr. T received:

  o Flu shot on Monday

  o PPD test for tuberculosis on Tuesday

  o Vitamin B$_{12}$ injection on Wednesday

N0300 Scenario #1 Coding

- N0300 would be coded **3**.

- The resident received injections on 3 days during the 7-day look-back period.

N0300. Injections

Enter Days	Record the number **of days that injections of any type** were received during the last 7 days or since admission/reentry if less than 7 days. If 0 → Skip to N0400, Medications Received
3	

N0300. Injections

Enter Days	Record
3	7 days.

N0300 Scenario #2

- During the look-back period, Miss C received a flu shot and her Vitamin B_{12} injection on Thursday.

N0300 Scenario #2 Coding

- N0300 would be coded **1.**

- The resident received injections on one day during the 7-day look-back period.

N0300. Injections

Enter Days: **1**

Record the number **of days that injections of any type** were received during the last 7 days or since admission/reentry if less than 7 days. If 0 → Skip to N0400, Medications Received

N0300. Injections

Enter Days: **1**

Record 7 days.

Item N0350

Insulin

N0350 Insulin Overview

- N0350A Insulin injections: Number of days insulin injections were received by the resident

- N0350B Order for insulin: Number of days insulin orders were changed for the resident

N0350. Insulin

Enter Days	A. Insulin Injections - Record the number of days that insulin injections were received during the last 7 days or since admission reentry if less than 7 days
Enter Days	B. Orders for insulin - Record the number of days the physician (or authorized assistant or practitioner) changed the reside ins... ion/reentry if less than 7 days

A. Insulin injections - Record the reentry if less than 7 days

B. Orders for insulin - Record the insulin orders during the last 7

N0350 Importance

- Insulin is a medication used to treat diabetes mellitus (DM).

- Individualized meal plans should be created with the resident's input to ensure appropriate meal intake.

- Residents are more likely to be compliant with their DM diet if they have input related to food choices.

N0350 Conduct the Assessment

- Review resident's medication administration records.

- Determine if the resident received insulin injections or if insulin orders were changed.

- Count number of days insulin injections were received and/ or changed.

- Count number of days insulin orders were changed.

- The look-back period is **7 days** or **since admission/ reentry** if less than 7 days.

N0350A Insulin Injections Coding Instructions

- Enter the number of days that insulin injections were received during the look-back period.

N0350. Insulin

Enter Days		
4	**A. Insulin Injections - Record the number of days that insulin injections** were received during the last 7 days or since admission reentry if less than 7 days	

Enter Days	
4	**A. Insulin in** reentry if

N0350B Orders for Insulin Assessment Guidelines

- The look-back period is **7 days** or **since admission/ reentry** if less than 7 days.

- A sliding scale dosage schedule does not count as an order change.

- These days can be counted and coded if:
  - This is the first sliding scale order for the resident.
  - Sliding scale order is discontinued.
  - Sliding scale order is new or revised.

N0350B Orders for Insulin Coding Instructions

- Enter number of days that authorized staff changed the resident's insulin orders.

Enter Days

1

B. **Orders for insulin - Record the number of days the physician (or authorized assistant or practi**
insulin orders during the last 7 days or since admission/reentry if less than 7 days

Enter Days

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B. **Orders for i**
insulin ord

Item N0400

Medications Received

N0400 Overview

- Documents the types of medications listed that were received by the resident.

N0400. Medications Received

↓ Check all medications the resident received at any time during the last 7 days or since admission/reentry if less than 7 days

☐	**A. Antipsychotic**
☐	**B. Antianxiety**
☐	**C. Antidepressant**
☐	**D. Hypnotic**
☐	**E. Anticoagulant** (warfarin, heparin, or low-molecular weight heparin)
☐	**F. Antibiotic**
☐	**G. Diuretic**
☐	**Z. None of the above were received**

N0400 Importance[1]

- Medications are an integral part of the care provided to residents of nursing homes.

- They are administered to try to achieve various outcomes:

  o Curing an illness

  o Arresting or slowing a disease's progress

  o Reducing or eliminating symptoms

  o Preventing a disease or symptom

N0400 Importance$_2$

- Residents at risk of side effects that can adversely affect health, safety, and quality of life.

- Important to reduce the need for or maximize the effectiveness of medications for all residents.

- Important to consider non-pharmacological approaches.

- May minimize the need for medications or reduce the dose and duration of those medications.

N0400 Conduct the Assessment

- Review resident's medical record for documentation of medications received during the look-back period.

- Review documentation from other health care settings where the resident may have received any of these medications.

- Include all medications administered while a resident of the nursing home.

N0400 Assessment Guidelines[1]

- The look-back period is **7 days** or **since admission/ reentry** if less than 7 days.

- Code medications according to a drug's pharmacological classification, not how it is used.

- Include any of these medications given to the resident by any route in any setting while a resident of the nursing home.

- Code a medication even if given only once during the look-back period.

N0400 Assessment Guidelines₂

- Count long-acting medications that are given every few weeks or monthly **only** if given during the look-back period.

- Combination medications should be coded in all categories that constitute the combination.

- Over-the-counter sleeping medications are not coded as hypnotics, as they are not classified as hypnotic drugs.

N0400 Coding Instructions

- Check all medications that the resident received during the look-back period.

	N0400. Medications Received
↓	Check all medications the resident received at any time during the last 7 days or since admission/reentry if less than 7 days
☐	A. Antipsychotic
☐	B. Antianxiety
☑	C. Antidepressant
☐	D. Hypnotic
☐	E. Anticoagulant (warfarin, heparin, or low-molecular weight heparin)
☑	F. Antibiotic
☐	G. Diuretic
☐	Z. None of the above were received

N0400 Scenario

- The Medication Administration Record for Mrs. P. reflects the following:

    o Resperidone 0.5 mg PO BID PRN: Received once a day on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

    o Lorazepam 1 mg PO QAM: Received every day.

    o Temazepam 15 mg PO QHS PRN: Received at HS on Tuesday and Wednesday only.

N0400 Scenario Coding

- Check **A. Antipsychotic; B. Antianxiety;** and **D. Hypnotic.**

N0400. Medications Received

	Check all medications the resident received at any time during the last 7 days or since admission/reentry if less than 7 days
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☐	C. Antidepressant
✓	D. Hypnotic
☐	E. Anticoagulant (warfarin, heparin, or low-molecular weight heparin)
☐	F. Antibiotic
☐	G. Diuretic
☐	Z. None of the above were received

Section N

Summary

Section N Summary

- Section N focuses on the frequency that residents receive injections and the types of selected medications that residents receive.

- Document the number of days that the resident received injections during the look-back period.

- Document the number of days that the resident received insulin injections and changes to insulin orders.

- Document whether the resident received the specific categories of medications listed.