



## Countdown to PDPM: Non Therapy Ancillary Classification

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Welcome back to the sixth edition of the Countdown to PDPM. Today, we are looking at the Non Therapy Ancillary (NTA) Classification. This new information builds upon our prior Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) postings. If you missed a prior article, or need to review, [click here](#) to access them.

The NTA component is determined using a four-step process. For the **first step**, you must determine whether resident has one or more NTA-related comorbidities.

- A. Does the resident have HIV/AIDS?
- B. Does the Resident Have the presence of Parenteral/IV Feedings? If so, determine whether these would be classified as High or Low intensity.

Refer to MDS item K0510A2 to see if the resident received parenteral/IV feeding during the last 7 days while a resident of the SNF. If the resident did not receive parenteral/IV feeding during the last 7 days while a resident, then the resident does not meet the criteria for this area.

If the resident did receive parenteral/IV feeding during the last 7 days while a resident, then use item K0710A to determine if the proportion of total calories the resident received through parenteral or tube feeding was 51% or more while a resident (K0710A2 = 3). If K0710A2 = 3 then the resident meets the criteria for Parenteral/IV Feeding – High Intensity.

If the proportion of total calories the resident received through parenteral or tube feeding was 26-50% (K0710A2 = 2) and average fluid intake per day by IV or tube feeding was 501 cc per day or more while a resident (K0710B2 = 2), then the resident qualifies for Parenteral/IV Feeding – Low Intensity.

- C. Does the resident have additional NTA-related comorbidities? Add the total points for all of the applicable comorbidities. Please refer to the next page for a table which details the NTA Comorbidity Score Calculation.

The **second step** is to calculate the resident's total NTA score using the table on the next page. To calculate the total NTA score, add the points corresponding to each condition or service present. If none of these conditions or services is present, the resident's score is 0.

The **third step** is to determine the resident's NTA group using the table below.

### NTA Case-Mix Classification Groups

NTA Score Range	NTA Case-Mix Group	NTA Case-Mix Index
12+	NA	3.24
9-11	NB	2.53
6-8	NC	1.84
3-5	ND	1.33
1-2	NE	0.96
0	NF	0.72

The fourth and **final step** is to apply the variable adjustment factor. The case-mix adjusted per diem rate for NTA groups is multiplied by the relevant variable per diem adjustment factor.

For Medicare days 1-3, this is a factor of 3.0

For Medicare days 4-100, the adjustment factor is 1.0

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*This post is based upon details currently available from CMS at the time of publication.  
Please refer to the [CMS PDPM page](#) for more information.*

## NTA Comorbidity Score Calculation

Condition/Extensive Service	MDS Item	Points
HIV/AIDS	N/A (SNF claim)	8
Parenteral IV Feeding: Level High	K0510A2, K0710A2	7
Special Treatments/Programs: Intravenous Medication Post-admit Code	O0100H2	5
Special Treatments/Programs: Ventilator or Respirator Post-admit Code	O0100F2	4
Parenteral IV feeding: Level Low	K0510A2, K0710A2,	3
Lung Transplant Status	I8000	3
Special Treatments/Programs: Transfusion Post-admit Code	O0100I2	2
Major Organ Transplant Status, Except Lung	I8000	2
Active Diagnoses: Multiple Sclerosis Code	I5200	2
Opportunistic Infections	I8000	2
Active Diagnoses: Asthma, COPD, Chronic Lung Disease Code	I6200	2
Bone/Joint/Muscle Infections/Necrosis - Except: Aseptic Necrosis of Bone	I8000	2
Chronic Myeloid Leukemia	I8000	2
Wound Infection Code	I2500	2
Active Diagnoses: Diabetes Mellitus (DM) Code	I2900	2
Endocarditis	I8000	1
Immune Disorders	I8000	1
End-Stage Liver Disease	I8000	1
Other Foot Skin Problems: Diabetic Foot Ulcer Code	M1040B	1
Narcolepsy and Cataplexy	I8000	1
Cystic Fibrosis	I8000	1
Special Treatments/Programs: Tracheostomy Care Post-admit Code	O0100E2	1
Active Diagnoses: Multi-Drug Resistant Organism (MDRO) Code	I1700	1
Special Treatments/Programs: Isolation Post-admit Code	O0100M2	1
Specified Hereditary Metabolic/Immune Disorders	I8000	1
Morbid Obesity	I8000	1
Special Treatments/Programs: Radiation Post-admit Code	O0100B2	1
Stage 4 Unhealed Pressure Ulcer Currently present <sup>1</sup>	M0300D1	1
Psoriatic Arthropathy and Systemic Sclerosis	I8000	1
Chronic Pancreatitis	I8000	1
Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy and Vitreous Hemorrhage	I8000	1
Other Foot Skin Problems: Foot Infection Code, Other Open Lesion on Foot Code, Except Diabetic Foot Ulcer Code	M1040A, M1040C	1
Complications of Specified Implanted Device or Graft	I8000	1
Bladder and Bowel Appliances: Intermittent catheterization	H0100D	1
Inflammatory Bowel Disease	I1300	1
Aseptic Necrosis of Bone	I8000	1
Special Treatments/Programs: Suctioning Post-admit Code	O0100D2	1
Cardio-Respiratory Failure and Shock	I8000	1
Myelodysplastic Syndromes and Myelofibrosis	I8000	1
Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, Other Connective Tissue Disorders, and Inflammatory Spondylopathies	I8000	1
Diabetic Retinopathy - Except : Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy and Vitreous Hemorrhage	I8000	1
Nutritional Approaches While a Resident: Feeding Tube	K0510B2	1
Severe Skin Burn or Condition	I8000	1
Intractable Epilepsy	I8000	1
Active Diagnoses: Malnutrition Code	I5600	1
Disorders of Immunity - Except : RxCC97: Immune Disorders	I8000	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	I8000	1
Bladder and Bowel Appliances: Ostomy	H0100C	1
Respiratory Arrest	I8000	1
Pulmonary Fibrosis and Other Chronic Lung Disorders	I8000	1

<sup>1</sup> If the number of Stage 4 Unhealed Pressure Ulcers is recorded as greater than 0, it will add one point to the NTA comorbidity score calculation. Only the presence, not the count, of Stage 4 Unhealed Pressure Ulcers affects the PDPM NTA comorbidity score calculation.