

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		Number of days that injections of any type were received during the last 7 days or since admission/reentry if less than 7 days. Skip to N0400, Medications Received
N0350. Insulin		
N0350. 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 resident's insulin orders during the last 7 days or since admission/reentry if less than 7 days	
N0400. Medications Received		
N0400. Medications Received		Record the number of days that the resident received at any time during the last 7 days or since admission/reentry if less than 7 days
☐	B. Antianxiety	
☐	C. Antidepressant	

Item N0300

Injectons

N0300 Importance

- Frequency of administration of medication via injection can be an indication of:
 - Stability of a resident's health status
 - Complexity of care needs

N0300. Injections

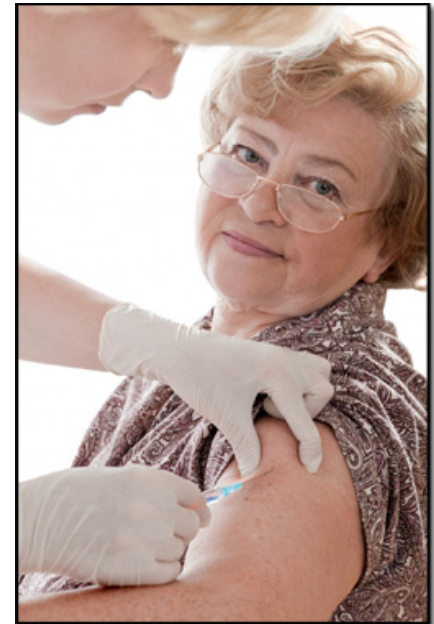
Enter Days

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.
 - 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:
 - During the look-back period**AND**
 - While a resident of the nursing home
- Record number of days that any type of injection was received.

N0300. Injections

Enter Days

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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

2

Record
7 days.

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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 B₁₂ 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 3	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 3	Record 7 days.

N0300 Scenario #2

- During the look-back period, Miss C received a flu shot and her Vitamin B₁₂ 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 resident's insulin orders during the last 7 days or since admission/reentry if less than 7 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

B. Orders for insulin - Record the number of days the physician (or authorized assistant or practitioner) changed the resident's insulin orders during the last 7 days or since admission/reentry if less than 7 days

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

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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 practitioner) changed the resident's insulin orders during the last 7 days or since admission/reentry if less than 7 days
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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
☐	F. Antibiotic
☐	G. Diuretic
☐	Z. None of the above were received

N0400 Importance₁

- Medications are an integral part of the care provided to residents of nursing homes.
- They are administered to try to achieve various outcomes:
 - Curing an illness
 - Arresting or slowing a disease's progress
 - Reducing or eliminating symptoms
 - Preventing a disease or symptom

N0400 Importance₂

- 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 Guidelines₁

- 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

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| ☐ | 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

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| ☐ | 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.