

**A1255. Transportation**

Complete only if A0310B = 01 and A2300 minus A1900 is less than 366 days

Enter Code

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In the past 12 months, has lack of reliable transportation kept you from medical appointments, meetings, work or from getting things needed for daily living?

- 0. Yes
- 1. No
- 7. Resident declines to respond
- 8. Resident unable to respond

Transportation item has been derived from the national PRAPARE® social drivers of health assessment tool (2016), which was developed and is owned by the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC). This tool was developed in collaboration with the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) and the Oregon Primary Care Association (OPCA). For additional information, please visit www.prapare.org.

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Item Rationale**Health-related Quality of Life**

- Access to transportation for ongoing health care and medication access needs, *particularly for those with chronic diseases*, is essential for *successful* care management.
- Understanding resident transportation needs can help organizations assess barriers to care and facilitate connections with available community resources.

Planning for Care

- *Information regarding* transportation barriers will *help* facilitate better care coordination and discharge planning.

Steps for Assessment

1. Ask the resident, *“In the past 12 months, has lack of reliable transportation kept you from medical appointments, meetings, work or from getting things needed for daily living?”*
2. *Ask the resident to select the response that most closely corresponds to the resident’s transportation status from the list in A1255.*
3. If the resident declines to respond, *code 7, Resident declines to respond, and* do not code based on other resources (family, significant other, or legally authorized representative or medical records).
4. If the resident is unable to respond, the assessor may ask a family member, significant other, and/or guardian/legally authorized representative.
5. Only *use medical record documentation to code A1255, Transportation* if the resident is unable to respond and no family member, significant other, and/or guardian/legally authorized representative provides a response for this item.

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Coding Instructions

- **Code 0, Yes:** if the resident indicates that *in the past 12 months*, a lack of *reliable* transportation kept *them* from medical appointments, *meetings, work* or from getting *things needed for daily living*.
- **Code 1, No:** if the resident indicates that *in the past 12 months*, a lack of *reliable* transportation has not kept *them* from medical appointments, meetings, work, or *from* getting things *needed for daily living*.
- **Code 7, Resident declines to respond:** if the resident declines to respond.
 - When the resident declines to respond, do not code based on other resources (family, significant other, or legally authorized representative or medical records).
- **Code 8, Resident unable to respond:** if the resident is unable to respond and no other resources (family, significant other, or legally authorized representative or medical records) provided the necessary information.

Coding Tips

- *A dash (–) value is a valid response for this item; however, CMS expects dash use to be a rare occurrence.*
- *If the resident is unable to respond and the response is determined via family, significant other, or legally authorized representative input or medical records, select the response that applies.*
- *This item is only collected for residents whose episode of care is less than 366 days (i.e., A2300 minus A1900 is less than 366 days).*

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Examples

1. Resident E is admitted with Multiple Sclerosis. They are confused and unable to understand when asked if they have had a lack of transportation that has kept them from medical appointments, meetings, work, or from getting things needed for daily living. No family, significant other, or legally authorized representative with information *about transportation* is available, but their medical record indicates that *in the past 12 months*, their spouse *used* their car to transport Resident E wherever they needed *ed* to go.

Coding: A1255, *Transportation* would be coded as *1*, No.

Rationale: *Neither Resident E nor their family, significant other, or legally authorized representative was able to provide a response, but the medical record documentation provided the necessary information regarding transportation.*

2. *Resident B indicates that in the last 12 months, they have not had reliable transportation, which has occasionally kept them from attending medical appointments.*

Coding: *A1255, Transportation would be coded as 0, Yes.*

Rationale: *Resident B reported they have not had access to reliable transportation in the last 12 months, which has kept them from medical appointments, meetings, work or from getting things needed for daily living.*

