



## Coding Section GG Self-Care & Mobility Activities Included on the Post-Acute Care Item Sets: Key Questions to Consider When Coding

### Introduction

Section GG Functional Abilities and Goals includes admission and discharge self-care and mobility performance (GG0130 and GG0170) data elements. Qualified clinicians code each data element, which are activities, using a 6-level rating scale to reflect the patient's/resident's functional abilities based on the type and amount of assistance provided by a helper. If the patient/resident did not perform the activity and a helper did not perform the activity for the patient/resident during the assessment period, one of four "activity not attempted codes" is used. This document provides a brief overview of the coding instructions and key questions to consider when determining the type and level of assistance required for a patient/resident to complete an activity.

### The 6-Point Scale and Activity Not Attempted Codes

#### Coding:

**Safety and Quality of Performance** - If helper assistance is required because patient's/resident's performance is unsafe or of poor quality, score according to amount of assistance provided.

*Activities may be completed with or without assistive devices.*

06. **Independent** – Patient/resident safely completes the activity by him/herself with no assistance from a helper.

05. **Setup or clean-up assistance** - Helper sets up or cleans up; patient/resident completes activity. Helper assists only prior to or following the activity.

04. **Supervision or touching assistance** - Helper provides verbal cues and/or touching/steadying and/or contact guard assistance as patient/resident completes activity. Assistance may be provided throughout the activity or intermittently.

03. **Partial/moderate assistance** - Helper does LESS THAN HALF the effort. Helper lifts, holds or supports trunk or limbs, but provides less than half the effort.

02. **Substantial/maximal assistance** - Helper does MORE THAN HALF the effort. Helper lifts or holds trunk or limbs and provides more than half the effort.

01. **Dependent** - Helper does ALL of the effort. Patient/resident does none of the effort to complete the activity. Or, the assistance of 2 or more helpers is required for the patient/resident to complete the activity.

#### If activity was not attempted, code reason:

07. **Patient/resident refused**

09. **Not applicable** - Not attempted and the patient/resident did not perform this activity prior to the current illness, exacerbation, or injury.

10. **Not attempted due to environmental limitations** (e.g., lack of equipment, weather constraints)

88. **Not attempted due to medical condition or safety concerns**



## Decision Tree

Use this decision tree to code the patient's/resident's performance on the assessment instrument. If helper assistance is required because the patient's/resident's performance is unsafe or of poor quality, score according to the amount of assistance provided. Only use the "activity not attempted codes" if the activity did not occur; that is, the patient/resident did not perform the activity and a helper did not perform that activity for the patient/resident.

