

MDS Alert

Coding Quizzer: Would You Code Supervision, Limited Or Extensive Assistance In This Scenario Involving Dressing?

A resident received supervision during dressing on one occasion, non weight-bearing assistance (i.e., putting a hat on her) on two occasions, and weight-bearing assistance (i.e., lifting her arm into a sleeve) on one occasion during the last seven days. What would you code in Column A for self-performance?

Answer: Code "2" for "limited assistance" in dressing.

Rationale: There were three episodes of physical assistance in the last seven days: Two non-weight-bearing episodes and one weight-bearing episode. Limited assistance is the correct code because it reflects the least dependent support category that encompasses three or more activities that were at least at that level of support.

Source: RAI user's manual, chapter 3.