

MDS Alert

Meet All Conditions To Code I2300

Beware of UTI look-back exception for active diagnoses.

As if the double look-back periods for coding Section I: Active Diagnoses weren't confusing enough, you must follow an entirely different look-back period for I2300 Urinary Tract Infection (UTI).

Unlike the other diagnoses listed in Section I, which have a seven-day look-back period, I2300 UTI has a 30-day look-back timeframe, according to the **Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)**.

Crucial: You must also meet all four of the following conditions to code UTI:

1. The resident has a documented **diagnosis of a UTI** within the last 30 days;
2. The resident has had **signs or symptoms** attributed to a UTI within the last 30 days; these may or may not include:
 - a. Fever,
 - b. Urinary symptoms like peri-urethral site burning sensation, frequent urination in small amounts, etc.,
 - c. Pain or tenderness in flank,
 - d. Confusion or change in mental status, or
 - e. Change in character of urine (pyuria);
3. There are **significant laboratory findings**, as determined by the physician □ which basically means that the resident must have a positive test, study or procedure confirming a UTI; AND
4. The resident is currently or was on **medication or treatment** for a UTI in the last 30 days.