

MDS Alert

Reader Questions: Consider Utensil Guidance Physical Assistance

Question: When coding G0110H (Eating) for activities of daily living (ADL) assistance, how do I categorize a staff member handing a resident a fork and guiding the resident's hand (with fork) to his mouth several times over the duration of a meal?

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Answer: For item G0110H, you should document staff providing non-weight-bearing assistance, which can be categorized as limited assistance. Therefore, you'd code G0110H1 (Eating, Self-Performance) as 2, limited assistance, and G0110H2 (Eating, Support) 2, one person physical assist.