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IHCP clarifies the nursing facility special care unit calculation

Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) nursing facilities with special care units (SCUs) are eligible for increased reimbursement in the form of an SCU add-on to their Medicaid rate. An eligible facility is defined in *Indiana Administrative Code 405 IAC 1-14.6-2*.

The SCU add-on is calculated using the facility's Nursing Facility Schedule of SCU Qualifications Form (Schedule Z) and minimum data set (MDS) 3.0 information. The Schedule Z is used to determine whether a facility qualifies for the add-on and to report the valid SCU room numbers and valid dates. This schedule should be completed on a calendar-year basis, regardless of the facility's fiscal year or Medicaid cost report due date. The Schedule Z is due by March 31 of the year following the report period. If a Schedule Z is submitted after March 31, the facility will not receive the SCU add-on with its annual rate review effective the following July 1.

The Schedule Z for the period ending December 31, 2015, is due to Myers and Stauffer LC by March 31, 2016.

The Annual Medicaid Alzheimer Days used in the SCU add-on calculation are based on the individual resident assessments reported on the Final Time-Weighted Resident Rosters. To be included in the calculation, the following requirements must be met:

- An assessment must have a payment source determination of Medicaid.
- The resident must have a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or dementia in fields I4200 or I4800 on the transmitted MDS information.
- An exact room number match must exist.

Assessments with a Resource Utilization Group (RUG) classification of BC2 will not be included in the calculation regardless of payment source, diagnosis, or room number match determinations.

An updated [Schedule Z](#) form and instructions are available on the Myers and Stauffer LC website at in.mslc.com (under Nursing Facility > Forms). The *Room Numbers* section has been modified to include a grid with 10 columns, including fields to enter valid begin and end dates for each room number. The grid replicates the MDS 3.0 data field A1300B. A single digit should be reported in each field. The room numbers submitted on the Schedule Z should correspond exactly to the room numbers transmitted on the MDS, including all spaces, dashes, and so on.



To ensure that the SCU add-on calculation includes all applicable days, the facility is encouraged to review the Schedule Z and transmitted MDS information carefully. To aid the facility in this review, a new SCU report is available. This report is posted to the facility's directory on the Myers and Stauffer LC web portal. Additionally, please consider the following:

- Annual Medicaid Alzheimer days are based on the transmitted MDS information and **not** on census data or days reported on the Medicaid cost report. Accordingly, documentation such as census reports or other reports containing protected health information (PHI) will not be considered in the calculation and should not be submitted.
- Only room number modifications will be considered after the established cut-off dates for determining the Final Time-Weighted Resident Roster. Clinical information, including diagnoses and Medicaid recipient identification numbers (RIDs), cannot be modified after the final cut-off dates.
- Room numbers on the Schedule Z should match exactly those in field A1300B on the MDS, including spaces, dashes, and so on, as illustrated in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1 – Examples of exact room number matches

MDS A1300B	Schedule Z
300	300
300A	300A
300-A	300-A

Table 2 – Examples of non-exact room number matches

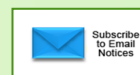
MDS A1300B	Schedule Z
300	300-1
300A	300
300-1	300A
300A	300 A
0300	300

Should the facility disagree with the SCU add-on calculation, an administrative reconsideration may be filed in accordance with 405 IAC 1-14.6. An amended Schedule Z may be submitted as long as the originally submitted Schedule Z was filed timely. If modifications to MDS data are necessary, only changes to the room numbers will be considered for purposes of reconsidering the SCU add-on calculation.

For more information or if you have questions about this bulletin, please call Myers & Stauffer at (317) 846-9521 or 1-800-877-6927.

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