

# 2025 Frailty and Advanced Illness Exclusion Codes

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) allows exclusions for members with advanced illness and frailty. These exclusions apply to several of the quality measures included in UPMC Health Plan's incentive programs for 2025.

The frailty and advanced illness exclusion codes will allow providers to exclude members from certain screening measures when it may not be clinically indicated to perform a screening due to the patient's advanced illness or frail condition. These exclusions will be captured through claims data. Details including applicable measures and specific codes to use are outlined in this document.

## 2025 Frailty Exclusion

To be excluded for frailty alone, members must be 81 years old or older as of Dec. 31 of the measurement year and must have at least two indications of frailty with different dates of service coded during the measurement year for the exclusion to apply. Laboratory claims with POS code 81 are not included.

- Quality measures that exclude for frailty alone (no advanced illness diagnosis required):
  - Controlling High Blood Pressure
  - Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes
  - Osteoporosis Management in Women Who Had a Fracture

## 2025 Frailty and Advanced Illness Exclusion

To be excluded for frailty and advanced illness, members must be 66 years old or older as of Dec. 31 of the measurement year, have at least two indications of frailty with different date of service during the measurement year, **and** meet criteria for advanced illness during the measurement year or the year prior.

Members are considered to have an advanced illness if any of the following occurred either during the measurement year or the year prior to the measurement year:

- Advanced illness on at least two different dates of service – Do not include laboratory claims (claims with POS code 81).
- A dispensed dementia medication

Frailty must be coded during the measurement year, but advanced illness can be coded during the measurement year or the year prior.

- Quality measures that exclude for frailty and advanced illness:
  - Blood Pressure Control for Patients with Diabetes
  - Breast Cancer Screening
  - Colorectal Cancer Screening
  - Controlling High Blood Pressure
  - Eye Exam for Patients with Diabetes
  - Glycemic Status Assessment for Patients with Diabetes
  - Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes
  - Osteoporosis Management in Women Who Had a Fracture
  - Statin Therapy for Patients with Cardiovascular Disease
  - Statin Therapy for Patients with Diabetes

## 2025 Frailty Exclusion Codes\*

Value Set Name	Code	Code System	Definition
Frailty	Z73.6	ICD10CM	Activity limitation due to disability
Frailty	R62.7	ICD10CM	Adult failure to thrive
Frailty	R54	ICD10CM	Age-related physical debility
Frailty	Z74.01	ICD10CM	Bed confinement status
Frailty	R64	ICD10CM	Cachexia
Frailty	Z99.89	ICD10CM	Dependence on other enabling machines and devices
Frailty	Z99.11	ICD10CM	Dependence on respirator (ventilator) status
Frailty	Z99.81	ICD10CM	Dependence on supplemental oxygen
Frailty	Z99.3	ICD10CM	Dependence on wheelchair
Frailty	R26.2	ICD10CM	Difficulty walking, not elsewhere classified
Frailty	W10.2XXA	ICD10CM	Fall on/from incline, initial encounter
Frailty	W10.2XXD	ICD10CM	Fall on/from incline, subsequent encounter
Frailty	W10.2XXS	ICD10CM	Fall on/from incline, sequela
Frailty	W18.39XA	ICD10CM	Fall on same level, initial encounter, other
Frailty	W18.39XD	ICD10CM	Fall on same level, subsequent encounter, other
Frailty	W18.39XS	ICD10CM	Fall on same level, sequela, other
Frailty	W19.XXXA	ICD10CM	Fall, initial encounter, unspecified
Frailty	W19.XXXD	ICD10CM	Fall, subsequent encounter, unspecified
Frailty	W19.XXXS	ICD10CM	Fall, sequela, unspecified
Frailty	R26.89	ICD10CM	Gait, abnormalities of gait and mobility, other
Frailty	Z91.81	ICD10CM	History of falling
Frailty	M62.81	ICD10CM	Muscle weakness (generalized)
Frailty	Z74.1	ICD10CM	Need for assistance with personal care
Frailty	Z74.3	ICD10CM	Need for continuous supervision
Frailty	L89.149	ICD10CM	Pressure ulcer of left lower back, unspecified stage
Frailty	L89.899	ICD10CM	Pressure ulcer of other site, unspecified stage
Frailty	L89.139	ICD10CM	Pressure ulcer of right lower back, unspecified stage
Frailty	L89.119	ICD10CM	Pressure ulcer of right upper back, unspecified stage
Frailty	L89.159	ICD10CM	Pressure ulcer of sacral region, unspecified stage
Frailty	L89.309	ICD10CM	Pressure ulcer of unspecified buttock, unspecified stage
Frailty	L89.209	ICD10CM	Pressure ulcer of unspecified hip, unspecified stage
Frailty	L89.90	ICD10CM	Pressure ulcer of unspecified site, unspecified stage
Frailty	E0135	HCPCS	Walker, folding (pickup), adjustable or fixed height
Frailty	E0143	HCPCS	Walker, folding (wheeled), adjustable or fixed height
Frailty	R53.1	ICD10CM	Weakness

\*This list is an abbreviated version of the Frailty Value Sets. Please refer to the complete 2025 Frailty Value Sets for the full set of frailty exclusion codes.

ICD-10 codes are owned by The American Medical Association (AMA).

## 2025 Advanced Illness Exclusion Codes\*

Value Set Name	Code	Code System	Definition
Advanced Illness	C91.00	ICD10CM	Acute lymphoblastic leukemia not having achieved remission
Advanced Illness	C93.00	ICD10CM	Acute monoblastic/monocytic leukemia, not having achieved remission
Advanced Illness	C92.00	ICD10CM	Acute myeloblastic leukemia, not having achieved remission
Advanced Illness	F10.97	ICD10CM	Alcohol use, unspecified with alcohol-induced persisting dementia
Advanced Illness	K70.31	ICD10CM	Alcoholic cirrhosis of liver with ascites
Advanced Illness	K70.30	ICD10CM	Alcoholic cirrhosis of liver without ascites
Advanced Illness	G30.8	ICD10CM	Alzheimer's disease, other
Advanced Illness	G30.0	ICD10CM	Alzheimer's disease with early onset
Advanced Illness	G30.1	ICD10CM	Alzheimer's disease with late onset
Advanced Illness	G12.21	ICD10CM	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
Advanced Illness	N18.5	ICD10CM	Chronic kidney disease, stage 5
Advanced Illness	K74.69	ICD10CM	Cirrhosis of liver, other
Advanced Illness	A81.00	ICD10CM	Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, unspecified
Advanced Illness	F02.811	ICD10CM	Dementia in other diseases classified elsewhere, unspecified severity, with agitation
Advanced Illness	F02.80	ICD10CM	Dementia in other diseases classified elsewhere without behavioral disturbance
Advanced Illness	G31.83	ICD10CM	Dementia with Lewy bodies
Advanced Illness	G31.09	ICD10CM	Dementia, other frontotemporal
Advanced Illness	F01.511	ICD10CM	Vascular dementia, unspecified severity, with agitation
Advanced Illness	F01.50	ICD10CM	Dementia, vascular without behavioral disturbance
Advanced Illness	J43.2	ICD10CM	Emphysema, centrilobular
Advanced Illness	J43.1	ICD10CM	Emphysema, panlobular
Advanced Illness	N18.6	ICD10CM	End-stage renal disease
Advanced Illness	I50.41	ICD10CM	Heart failure, combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive), acute
Advanced Illness	I50.43	ICD10CM	Heart failure, combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive), acute on chronic
Advanced Illness	I50.42	ICD10CM	Heart failure, combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive), chronic
Advanced Illness	I50.40	ICD10CM	Heart failure, combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive), unspecified
Advanced Illness	I50.31	ICD10CM	Heart failure, diastolic (congestive), acute
Advanced Illness	I50.32	ICD10CM	Heart failure, diastolic (congestive), chronic
Advanced Illness	I50.21	ICD10CM	Heart failure, systolic (congestive), acute
Advanced Illness	I50.22	ICD10CM	Heart failure, systolic (congestive), chronic
Advanced Illness	I50.82	ICD10CM	Heart failure, biventricular
Advanced Illness	I50.84	ICD10CM	Heart failure, end stage
Advanced Illness	K74.2	ICD10CM	Hepatic fibrosis with hepatic sclerosis
Advanced Illness	G10	ICD10CM	Huntington's disease
Advanced Illness	I12.0	ICD10CM	Hypertensive chronic kidney disease with stage 5 chronic kidney disease or end-stage renal disease
Advanced Illness	I13.0	ICD10CM	Hypertensive heart and chronic kidney disease with heart failure and stage 1 through stage 4 chronic kidney disease, or unspecified chronic kidney disease
Advanced Illness	C25.0	ICD10CM	Malignant neoplasm of pancreas, head
Advanced Illness	C25.1	ICD10CM	Malignant neoplasm of pancreas, body
Advanced Illness	C25.2	ICD10CM	Malignant neoplasm of pancreas, tail
Advanced Illness	C94.30	ICD10CM	Mast cell leukemia not having achieved remission
Advanced Illness	C93.Z0	ICD10CM	Monocytic leukemia not having achieved remission, other

Value Set Name	Code	Code System	Definition
Advanced Illness	G20	ICD10CM	Parkinson's disease
Advanced Illness	G31.01	ICD10CM	Pick's disease
Advanced Illness	J84.170	ICD10CM	Interstitial lung disease with progressive fibrotic phenotype in diseases classified elsewhere
Advanced Illness	J84.112	ICD10CM	Pulmonary fibrosis, idiopathic
Advanced Illness	J96.22	ICD10CM	Respiratory failure with hypercapnia, acute and chronic
Advanced Illness	J96.21	ICD10CM	Respiratory failure with hypoxia, acute and chronic
Advanced Illness	J96.11	ICD10CM	Respiratory failure with hypoxia, chronic
Advanced Illness	J96.92	ICD10CM	Respiratory failure with hypercapnia, unspecified
Advanced Illness	J96.91	ICD10CM	Respiratory failure with hypoxia, unspecified
Advanced Illness	C77.9	ICD10CM	Secondary and unspecified malignant neoplasm of lymph node, unspecified
Advanced Illness	C77.3	ICD10CM	Secondary and unspecified malignant neoplasm of lymph nodes, axilla and upper limb
Advanced Illness	C77.4	ICD10CM	Secondary and unspecified malignant neoplasm of lymph nodes, inguinal and lower limb
Advanced Illness	C77.2	ICD10CM	Secondary and unspecified malignant neoplasm of lymph nodes, intra-abdominal
Advanced Illness	C77.1	ICD10CM	Secondary and unspecified malignant neoplasm of lymph nodes, intrathoracic
Advanced Illness	C77.0	ICD10CM	Secondary and unspecified malignant neoplasm of lymph nodes of head, face, and neck
Advanced Illness	C77.8	ICD10CM	Secondary and unspecified malignant neoplasm of lymph nodes of multiple regions
Advanced Illness	C79.11	ICD10CM	Secondary malignant neoplasm of bladder
Advanced Illness	C79.31	ICD10CM	Secondary malignant neoplasm of brain
Advanced Illness	C79.32	ICD10CM	Secondary malignant neoplasm of cerebral meninges
Advanced Illness	C78.89	ICD10CM	Secondary malignant neoplasm of digestive organs, other
Advanced Illness	C79.00	ICD10CM	Secondary malignant neoplasm of kidney and renal pelvis, unspecified
Advanced Illness	C78.5	ICD10CM	Secondary malignant neoplasm of large intestine and rectum
Advanced Illness	C78.7	ICD10CM	Secondary malignant neoplasm of liver and intrahepatic bile duct
Advanced Illness	C78.00	ICD10CM	Secondary malignant neoplasm of lung, unspecified
Advanced Illness	C78.1	ICD10CM	Secondary malignant neoplasm of mediastinum
Advanced Illness	C79.49	ICD10CM	Secondary malignant neoplasm of other parts of nervous system
Advanced Illness	C78.2	ICD10CM	Secondary malignant neoplasm of pleura
Advanced Illness	C78.39	ICD10CM	Secondary malignant neoplasm of respiratory organs, other
Advanced Illness	C78.6	ICD10CM	Secondary malignant neoplasm of retroperitoneum and peritoneum
Advanced Illness	C79.2	ICD10CM	Secondary malignant neoplasm of skin

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