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II. Admission Information	B3aa-B3ad. If in the community, who did the patient live with?	Item revised for clarity	Public comment Internal review
II. Admission Information	B4. Structural barriers	Addition of a response category	Internal review
II. Admission Information	B5. Prior Functioning: Response categories	Addition of a response category	Public comment
II. Admission Information	B5a. Prior Functioning: self care	Item revised for clarity	Public comment
II. Admission Information	B6. Mobility Devices: Response categories	Addition of response categories	Public comment
II. Admission Information	B7. History of Falls	Item revised for clarity	Public comment
II. Admission Information	Items B8 on July CARE Tool: Prior Mental Status. Is there any evidence of an acute change in mental status from the patient's status prior to this current illness, exacerbation, or injury?	Deleted	Public comment Internal review
<b>III. Current Medical</b>	III. Current Medical Information	Item revised for clarity	Public comment
III. Current Medical Information Part A: Clinicians	Clinician directions	Item revised for clarity	Public comment Internal review
III. Current Medical Information Part A: Clinicians	Items A2 on July CARE Tool: ICD-9 CM Code  _ _ _ _ _ . _ _ _ _ _	Deleted	Public comment Internal review
III. Current Medical Information Part A: Clinicians	A. Primary and Other Diagnoses, Comorbidities, and Complications Directions	Item revised for clarity	Public comment Internal review
III. Current Medical Information	Diagnoses: B1-B15	Items renumbered	Internal review
III. Current Medical Information Part B Clinicians	C. Procedures (Diagnostic, Surgical and Therapeutic Interventions)	Item revised for clarity	Public comment Internal review
III. Current Medical Information	C1. Major procedures (diagnostic, surgical, and therapeutic interventions)	New item	Public comment Internal review
III. Current Medical Information	C2-C15. Direction to List major procedures	Item revised for clarity	Public comment Internal review
III. Current Medical Information	Major Procedure Columns: C1a-C15a. Procedure C1b-C15b. Left C1c-C15c. Right C1d.-C16d. N/A	Item revised for clarity	Internal review

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III. Current Medical Information	D. Major Treatments	Item revised for clarity	Public comment Internal review
III. Current Medical Information	D11c. Specify most intensive frequency of suctioning during stay.	Item revised for clarity	Internal review
III. Current Medical Information	D20. Complex Wound Management	Item revised for clarity	Public comment
III. Current Medical Information	D24. Specialty Surface or Bed	Item revised for clarity	Public comment
III. Current Medical Information	D26. IV Vaso-actors	Item revised for clarity	Public comment
III. Current Medical Information	Items on July CARE Tool: D29. Indwelling Urinary Catheter D30. Intermittent Urinary Catheterization D31. Ostomy	Deleted	Internal review
III. Current Medical Information	D29. Indwelling Bowel Catheter Management System	Item revised for clarity	Internal review
III. Current Medical Information	D30. Other Major Treatments	New Item	Public comment
III. Current Medical Information	G1. Pressure Ulcer Risk	Item revised for clarity	Public comment
III. Current Medical Information	G2. Any Stage 2+ Pressure Ulcers?	Item revised for clarity	Internal review
III. Current Medical Information	G2a-G2d Column headings: Number present at assessment Number with onset during this service	Item revised for clarity	Public comment
III. Current Medical Items	G2a. Stage 2 Pressure Ulcer	Item revised for clarity	Public comment
III. Current Medical Items	G2b. Stage 3 Pressure Ulcer	Item revised for clarity	Public comment
III. Current Medical Items	G2c. Stage 4 Pressure Ulcer	Item revised for clarity	Public comment
III. Current Medical Items	G2d. Unstageable Pressure Ulcer	Item revised for clarity	Public comment
III. Current Medical Items	G3c. Date of measurement	Item revised for clarity	Public comment
III. Current Medical Items	G4. If Stage 3 or 4, Tunneling	Item revised for clarity	Public comment
III. Current Medical Items	G5a. Delayed healing of surgical wound	Item revised for clarity	Public comment
III. Current Medical Items	G5e. Other Type of Wound	Item revised for clarity	Public comment
III. Current Medical Items	G6. Turning surfaces	Response categories revised	Public comment

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III. Current Medical Information	H. Physiologic Factors Instructions	Item revised for clarity	Internal review
III. Current Medical Information	H22-H29. Physiologic Factors	Items renumbered	Internal review
III. Current Medical Information	H23d-H29c. Arterial Blood Gases (ABGs)	New item	Internal review
III. Current Medical Information	H31-H42. Pulmonary Function Tests	New item	Public Comment Internal review
<b>IV. Cognitive</b>	IV. Cognitive Status, Mood, and Pain	Section title revised for clarity	Public Comment Internal review
IV. Cognitive	B. Temporal Orientation/Mental Status	Section title revised for clarity	Internal review
IV. Cognitive	B1a. Interview attempted	Item revised for clarity	
IV. Cognitive	B1b. Reason interview not attempted	Item revised for clarity	
IV. Cognitive	B2. Temporal orientation	Directions revised for clarity	
IV. Cognitive	B2a. Ask patient: "Please tell me what year it is right now."	Item renumbered	Internal review
IV. Cognitive	B2b. Ask patient: "What month are we in right now?"	Item renumbered	Internal review
IV. Cognitive	B3. BIMS Complete only for PAC admission.	Directions revised for clarity	Internal review
IV. Cognitive	B3a. Repetition of Three Words	Item revised for clarity	Internal review
IV. Cognitive	B3b.1. Ask patient: "Please tell me what year it is right now."	New item	Internal review
IV. Cognitive	B3b.2. Ask patient: "What month are we in right now?"	New item	Internal review
IV. Cognitive	B3b.3. Ask patient: "What day of the week is today?"	New item	Internal review
IV. Cognitive	B3c1-B3c3. Recall	Item revised for clarity and renumbered	Internal review
IV. Cognitive	Item on July CARE Tool: C1. Short-term memory	Deleted	Public Comment Internal review
IV. Cognitive	Items on July CARE Tool: C2. Long-term memory	Deleted	Public Comment Internal review
IV. Cognitive	C. Observational Assessment of Cognitive Status	Item revised for clarity	Internal review
IV. Cognitive	C1. Memory/recall ability	Response categories revised and item renumbered	Internal review
IV. Cognitive	Item on July CARE Tool: C4. Cognitive skills for daily decision making	Deleted	Public Comment Internal review
IV. Cognitive	D. Confusion Assessment Method	Directions revised for clarity	Internal review

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IV. Cognitive	E. Behavioral Signs & Symptoms	Directions revised for clarity	Internal review
IV. Cognitive	F. Mood	Directions revised for clarity	Internal review
IV. Cognitive	F1. Interview attempted	Response categories revised	Internal review
IV. Cognitive	F2. Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ2)	Item revised for clarity	Internal review
IV. Cognitive	F3. Feeling Sad	Item revised for clarity	Internal review
IV. Cognitive	G3. Pain Severity	Response categories revised	Internal review
IV. Cognitive	Item on July CARE Tool: G4. Pain Severity verbal descriptor scale	Deleted	Public Comment Internal review
IV. Cognitive	G4. Pain Effect on Function	Item revised for clarity	Public Comment Internal review
IV. Cognitive	G6. Pain Observational Assessment	Item revised for clarity	Public Comment Internal review
<b>V. Impairments</b>	<b>A. Bowel and Bladder Management</b>	Section title revised for clarity	Public Comment
V. Impairments Bladder and Bowel	A1. Any Impairments?	New Item	Public Comment Internal review
V. Impairments Bladder and Bowel	Columns: Bladder B1a-B4a Bowel B1b-B4b	Item numbering change	Internal review
V. Impairments Bladder and Bowel	A5. Incontinent prior to current illness	Item revised for clarity	Internal Review
V. Impairments Swallowing	B1. Any Impairments?	New Item	Internal review
V. Impairments Swallowing	B1a-B1g. Swallowing signs and symptoms	Response categories revised	Internal review
V. Impairments Swallowing	B2a-B2c. Swallowing: usual ability	Item numbering change	Internal review
V. Impairments Hearing, Vision, Communication	<b>C. Hearing, Vision, Communication, &amp; Comprehension</b>	Section title revised for clarity	Internal review
V. Impairments Hearing, Vision, Communication	C1. Impairments with hearing, vision, communication, and comprehension?	New item	Internal review
V. Impairments Hearing, Vision, Communication	C1a. Understanding Verbal Content	Item and response categories revised for clarity	Internal review
V. Impairments Hearing, Vision, Communication	C1b. Expression of Ideas and Wants	Item and response categories revised for clarity	Internal review
V. Impairments Hearing, Vision, Communication	C1c. Ability to see in adequate light	Item numbering change	Internal review

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V. Impairments Hearing, Vision, Communication	C1d. Ability to hear	Item numbering change	Internal review
V. Impairments Upper Extremity Range of Motion	Item on July CARE Tool: E. Upper Extremity Range of Motion	Delete	Internal Review
V. Impairments Weight-bearing	D. Weight-bearing	Item numbering change	Internal review
V. Impairments Weight-bearing	D1. Any impairments?	New Item	Public Comment
V. Impairments Weight-bearing	D1a-D1d. Upper Extremity and Lower Extremity	Item numbering change	Internal review
V. Impairments Grip Strength	E. Grip Strength	Item numbering change	Internal review
V. Impairments Grip Strength	E1. Any impairments?	New item	Public Comment
V. Impairments Grip Strength	E1a-E1b. Grip strength right and left hands	Item numbering change	Internal review
V. Impairments Respiratory Status	F. Respiratory Status	Item numbering change	Internal review
V. Impairments Respiratory Status	F1. Any impairments?	New item	Public Comment
V. Impairments Respiratory Status	F1a-F1b. Respiratory status	Item and response categories revised for clarity	Public Comment
V. Impairments Endurance	G. Endurance	Item numbering change	Internal review
V. Impairments Endurance	G1a. Mobility Endurance	Item and response categories revised for clarity	Public Comment
V. Impairments Endurance	G1b. Sitting Endurance	Item and response categories revised for clarity	Public Comment
V. Impairments Endurance	H. Mobility Devices and Aids Needed	Section title revised for clarity	Public Comment
V. Impairments Endurance	H1. Indicate all mobility and aids needed	Item and response categories revised for clarity	Public Comment
<b>VI. Functional Status Section A</b>	VI. Functional Status: Usual Performance	Section title revised for clarity	Public Comment
VI. Functional Status Part A	A6. Lower body dressing	Item revised for clarity	Public Comment
<b>VI. Functional Status Part B</b>	B1. Lying to Sitting on Side of Bed	Item revised for clarity	Public Comment
VI. Functional Status Part B	B2. Sit to Stand	Item revised for clarity	Public Comment

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VI. Functional Status Part B	B3. Chair/Bed-to-Chair Transfer	Item revised for clarity	Public Comment
VI. Functional Status Part B	B4. Toilet Transfer	Item revised for clarity	Public Comment
VI. Functional Status Part B	B5a. Longest distance patient can walk	Item and response categories revised for clarity	Public Comment Internal Review
VI. Functional Status Part B	B5b. Longest distance patient can wheel	Item and response categories revised for clarity	Internal Review
<b>VI. Functional Status Part C</b>	C. Supplemental Functional Ability	Section title and directions revised for clarity	Public Comment Internal Review
VI. Functional Status Part C	C. Functional Ability Coding Options	Response categories revised	Public Comment
VI. Functional Status Part C	C1. Wash Upper Body	Item revised for clarity	Public Comment
VI. Functional Status Part C	C3. Roll left and right	Item revised for clarity	Internal review
VI. Functional Status Part C	C5. Picking up object	Item revised for clarity	Public Comment Internal Review
VI. Functional Status Part C	C6. Putting on/taking off footwear	New item	Internal review
VI. Functional Status Part C	C7c. 12 steps-interior	Item revised for clarity	Public Comment
VI. Functional Status Part C	C7d. Four steps-exterior	Item revised for clarity	Public Comment
VI. Functional Status Part C	C7e. Walking 10 feet on uneven surfaces	Item revised for clarity	Public Comment
VI. Functional Status Part C	C7g. Wheel short ramp	Item revised for clarity and renumbered	Internal review
VI. Functional Status Part C	C7h. Wheel long ramp	Item revised for clarity and renumbered	Internal review
VI. Functional Status Part C	C7f. Car transfer	Item revised for clarity and renumbered	Public Comment Internal Review
VI. Functional Status Part C	C17. Use public transportation	Item revised for clarity	Public Comment Internal Review
<b>VIII. Engagement</b>	Item on July CARE Tool: A. Engagement	Deleted	Public Comment Internal Review
<b>VII. Overall Plan of Care/Advance Care Directives</b>	VII. Overall Plan of Care/Advance Care Directives	Section title revised for clarity	Internal Review

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VII. Overall Plan of Care/Advance Care Directives	Item on July CARE Tool: A1. Would you be surprised if the patient was readmitted to an acute care hospital in the next 6 months?	Deleted	Public Comment Review Internal
VII. Overall Plan of Care/Advance Care Directives	Item on July CARE Tool: A2. Would you be surprised if the patient were to die in the next 12 months?	Deleted	Public Comment Review Internal
VII. Overall Plan of Care/Advance Care Directives	A1. Documented agreed-upon care goals	New item	Internal Review
VII. Overall Plan of Care/Advance Care Directives	A2. Description of overall status	New item	Public Comment Review Internal
VII. Overall Plan of Care/Advance Care Directives	A3. Documented care decisions	New item	Public Comment Review Internal
<b>IX. Discharge Status</b>	VIII. Discharge Status	Item numbering change	Internal review
VIII. Discharge Status	A2. Attending Physician	New item	Public Comment Review Internal
VIII. Discharge Status	A3. Discharge Location	Item and response categories revised for clarity, and item renumbered	Internal review
VIII. Discharge Status	A4. Frequency of Assistance at Discharge	Response categories revised	Internal review
VIII. Discharge Status	A5. Caregiver Availability	Item numbering change	Internal review
VIII. Discharge Status	A6. Willing Caregiver(s)	New item	Internal review
VIII. Discharge Status	A7. Types of Caregiver(s)	Item numbering change	Internal review
VIII. Discharge Status	B. Residential Information	Directions revised for clarity	
VIII. Discharge Status	B1. Patient Lives With at Discharge	Response categories revised	Public Comment Review Internal
VIII. Discharge Status	Item on July CARE Tool: B2. Caregiver(s) Availability at Discharge	Deleted	Public Comment Review Internal
VIII. Discharge Status	C. Support Needs/Caregiver Assistance	Section title and directions revised for clarity	Internal review
VIII. Discharge Status	Caregiver Needs/Assistance Directions	New item	Internal review
VIII. Discharge Status	C1a-C1h. Patient needs this	New item	Internal review
VIII. Discharge Status	C2a-C2g. Caregiver able	New item	Internal review
VIII. Discharge Status	C3a-C3g. Caregiver needs training or other supportive services	New item	Internal review
VIII. Discharge Status	C4a-C4g. Caregiver not likely to be able	New item	Internal review
VIII. Discharge Status	C5a-C5g. Caregiver ability unclear	New item	Internal review
VIII. Discharge Status	D. Discharge Care Options Instructions	Directions revised for clarity	
VIII. Discharge Status	D. Type of Service	Item revised for clarity and renumbered	Internal review
VIII. Discharge Status	E. Discharge Location Information	Section title revised for clarity	Internal review



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VIII. Discharge Status	E1. Discharged with referral	New item	Internal review
VIII. Discharge Status	E2. Provider's Name	Item renumbered	Internal review
VIII. Discharge Status	E3. Provider Type	Item renumbered	Internal review
VIII. Discharge Status	E4. Provider City	Item renumbered	Internal review
VIII. Discharge Status	E5. Provider State	Item renumbered	Internal review
VIII. Discharge Status	E6. Medicare Provider's Identification Number	Item renumbered	Internal review
IX. Discharge Status	E9. Information not to be shared with the next provider	Item renumbered	Public Comment Review Internal Review
IX. Medical Coding Information	IX. Medical Coding Information	New item	Internal review
IX. Medical Coding Information	A. Principal Diagnosis	New item	Public comment Internal review
IX. Medical Coding Information	A1. ICD-9 CM Principal Diagnosis	New item	Public comment Internal review
IX. Medical Coding Information	A1a. Principal Diagnosis at Assessment	New item	Internal review
IX. Medical Coding Information	A2. ICD-9 CM Code for Principal Diagnosis if it was a V-code	New item	Internal review
IX. Medical Coding Information	A2a. If principal diagnosis was a V-code was the primary medical condition or injury being treated	New item	Internal review
IX. Medical Coding Information	B. Other Diagnoses, Comorbidities, and Complications	New item	Internal review
IX. Medical Coding Information	B1a-B15a: ICD-9 CM Code	New item	Internal review
IX. Medical Coding Information	B1b-B15b: Diagnoses	New item	Internal review
IX. Medical Coding Information	B16. Is this list complete?	New item	Internal review
IX. Medical Coding Information	C. Major Procedures (Diagnostic, Surgical, and Therapeutic Interventions)	New item	Internal review

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IX. Medical Coding Information	C1. Did the patient have one or more major procedures (diagnostic, surgical, and therapeutic interventions) during this admission?	New item	Internal review
IX. Medical Coding Information	List up to 15 ICD-9 CM Codes and associated procedures (diagnostic, surgical, and therapeutic interventions) performed during this admission.	New item	Internal review
IX. Medical Coding Information	C1a-C15a ICD-9 CM Code	New item	Internal review
IX. Medical Coding Information	C1b-C15b: Procedures	New item	Internal review
IX. Medical Coding Information	C16. Is this list complete?	New item	Internal review