## **Percent of Residents Who Received an Antipsychotic Medication (Long-Stay)**

## This measure reports the percentage of long-stay residents who are receiving antipsychotic drugs in the target period.

## **Key Points!**

* The Long-Stay Antipsychotic measure is triggered somewhat differently than the Short-Stay Antipsychotic measure.
* For the Long-Stay measure, only the Target Assessment is used. The ***Target Assessment*** is the most recent assessment in the target period (i.e. a calendar quarter).

**What MDS Item Triggers the Long-Stay Antipsychotic Measure?**

* Long-stay residents will trigger this QM when their ***target assessment*** includes 1-7 days of antipsychotics:
	+ N0410A = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]

 

**This measure has some EXCLUSIONS!!**

Even if a long-stay resident received antipsychotic medications, they will not trigger the measure if any of the following related conditions are present on the MDS:

* Schizophrenia (I6000 = [1]).
* Tourette’s syndrome (I5350 = [1]).
* Huntington’s disease (I5250 = [1]).



**Tips for Success!**

* Educate your nurses! If residents exhibit new behaviors, discourage initiating antipsychotics before attempting to identify the root cause.
	+ Use the CAA resources in Appendix C of the RAI User’s Manual to help find the root cause. Is the resident experiencing pain or getting an infection?
	+ Attempt non-pharmacological interventions first and evaluate effectiveness.
* Discuss with the DON and nursing supervisors the facility process related to direct care nurses notifying supervisors of a resident’s change in behavior to ensure support to direct care staff, assessment, and interventions prior to medication request.
* Discuss antipsychotic orders with the physician. Determine if the resident has an exclusionary diagnosis that needs to be added to his/her profile.
* Coordinate and discuss recommendations for Gradual Dose Reductions (GDR) with your pharmacist. Ensure pharmacy recommendations are promptly communicated to the physician.
* Identify residents on your Resident Level QM report who are triggering. If their antipsychotic has been discontinued since their last MDS, consider completing a new MDS (a new ***Target Assessment***, where N0410A will equal zero).