

**Quality Strategy
for the
New York State
Medicaid Managed Care Program
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APPENDIX 4

New York State MLTC Report Measure Descriptions

Domain	Variable Name (SAAM Item Number)	Current Status and Performance	Trended Status and Performance
Overall Functioning	SAAM Index (Calculated from ML0520a, L0535, ML0540b, ML0560, ML0570, ML0580, ML0650, ML0660, ML0670, ML0680, ML0690a, ML0700a, ML0710)	Composite measure of Activities of Daily Living, Incontinence and Cognitive Functioning.	Percentage of members whose SAAM Index was stable or improved over the follow-up period.
Activities of Daily Living (Included in SAAM Index)	Activities of Daily Living (ADL) Composite		Percentage of members whose SAAM Index ADL Functioning composite was stable or improved over the follow-up period.
	Ambulation (ML0700a)	Member's ability to walk on various surfaces. Average score on a scale of 0-6.	Percentage of members whose ability to safely walk or use a wheelchair on a variety of surfaces was stable or improved over the follow-up period.
	Bathing (ML0670)	Member's ability to bathe him/herself. Average score on a scale of 0-6.	Percentage of members whose ability to wash their entire body was stable or improved over the follow-up period.
	Transferring (ML0690a)	Member's ability to move from a seated position to another location. Average score on a scale of 0-6.	Percentage of members whose ability to move from one location to another, such as from a bed to a chair, was stable or improved over the follow-up period.
	Dressing Upper Body (ML0650) Dressing Lower Body (ML0660)	Member's ability to dress his/her upper and lower bodies with or without dressing aids. Average score on a scale of 0-3.	Percentage of members whose ability to dress their upper and/or lower body was stable or improved over the follow-up period.
	Toileting (ML0680)	Member's ability to use the bathroom or bedside commode. Average score on a scale of 0-4.	Percentage of members whose ability to use a toilet or bedside commode was stable or improved over the follow-up period.

	Feeding/Eating (ML0710)	Member's ability to feed him/herself. (Does not include meal preparation.) Average score on a 0-5 scale.	Percentage of members whose ability to feed themselves was stable or improved over the follow-up period.
Incontinence (Included in SAAM Index)	Urinary Incontinence/ Catheter Presence (ML0520a)		Percentage of members who remained stable or improved in presence of incontinence or catheter need over the follow-up period.
	Urinary Incontinence Frequency (L0535)	Percentage of members who are incontinent more than once a week.	Percentage of members who remained stable or improved in frequency of urinary incontinence over the follow-up period.
	Bowel Incontinence Frequency (ML0540b)	Percentage of members who had any bowel incontinence less than once a week (excluding those who very rarely or never had bowel incontinence).	
Neurological/ Emotional/ Behavioral Status (Included in SAAM Index)	Cognitive Functioning (ML0560)	Percentage of members who are not alert, i.e., need prompting or assistance in routine situations, are disoriented, or in a vegetative state.	
	When Confused (ML0570)	Percentage of members who were confused in new situations or at various times of the day.	
	When Anxious (ML0580)	Percentage of members who were anxious at least occasionally.	
Living Arrangements and Sensory/ Emotional Status	Living Arrangements (ML0340)	Percentage of members living alone.	
	Frequency of Pain (ML0420)	Percentage of members who experience any pain at least daily. A higher percentage indicates greater care needs of the population.	Percentage of members who remained stable or improved in frequency of pain.
	Depressive Feelings (ML0590)	Percentage of members who experienced some depression feelings. A higher percentage indicates greater care needs of the population.	Percentage of members who remained stable or improved in experiencing depressive feelings over the follow-up period.
Quality of Life Effectiveness of Care Emergent Care	Flu Immunization Status (L0300)	Percentage of members who received an influenza vaccination in the past year.	

	Oral Medication Management (ML0780)	Percentage of members who are independently managing oral medication.	Percentage of members whose ability to independently manage oral medications remained stable or improved over the follow-up period.
	Number of Falls (L0550)	Percentage of members who had one or more falls in the last six months.	
	Falls Not Resulting in Medical Intervention (L0555)	Percentage of members who had falls that did not result in medical intervention.	
	No Known Hospital Emergent Care (ML0830)	Percentage of members who did not receive hospital emergent care.	Percentage of members for whom no hospital emergent care was reported during the follow-up period.
	Shortness of Breath (ML0490)		Percentage of members who remained stable or improved in experiencing shortness of breath over the follow-up period.
Utilization and Patient Safety (Nursing Home Care and Hospital Care)	Nursing Home Admissions (ML0900)	Percentage of members who had a nursing home admission.	
	Reason for Nursing Home Admission (ML0900)	Percentage of members who had a nursing home admission for either therapy service, respite care, end of life care, permanent placement, unsafe for care at home, other, or unknown reasons.	
	Hospital Admissions (ML0890)	Percentage of members who had one hospital admission (emergent, urgent, or elective).	
	Two Hospital Admissions (ML0890)	Percentage of members who have two hospital admissions (emergent, urgent, or elective).	
		Percentage of members who were hospitalized for either injuries caused by falls/accidents at home, hypoglycemia/hyperglycemia/diabetes out of control, exacerbation of CHF/fluid overload/heart failure, or respiratory problems.	