

QUICK GUIDE: ISOLATION

MDS: SCHEDULE A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE AND SET ARD TO CAPTURE ISOLATION

DIAGNOSIS

Isolation the resident must have an active infection. An active infection is a medical diagnosis. As such, it should be documented by a physician, NP, or PA in the last 60 days and have a direct relationship to the resident's current functional status, cognitive status, mood or behavior, medical treatments, nursing monitoring, or risk of death during the 7-day look-back period

Ensure provider documentation that resident is either:

**Symptomatic AND in the contagious stage OR
Has a positive test AND is in the contagious stage**

The provider should indicate the need and duration of the transmission-based precautions and single room isolation, using the CDC guidelines

SINGLE ROOM ISOLATION

- The resident has active infection with highly transmissible or epidemiologically significant pathogens that have been acquired by physical contact or airborne or droplet transmission.
- Precautions are over and above standard precautions. That is, transmission-based precautions (contact, droplet, and/or airborne) must be in effect.
- The resident is in a room alone because of active infection and cannot have a roommate. This means that the resident must be in the room alone and not cohorted with a roommate regardless of whether the roommate has a similar active infection that requires isolation.
- The resident must remain in his/her room. This requires that all services be brought to the resident

MEDICATIONS

Documentation of any new orders for medications or treatments entered into the medical record

ORDERS

Order for daily documentation that identifies the presence of any ongoing infection symptoms

Order for daily documentation that identifies the resident remained in strict isolation with transmission-based precautions in place.

The documentation must identify:

- o The resident was alone in the room, and
- o The resident did not leave their room unless they required a service that could not be provided within the facility, and
- o All services were brought to the resident including but not limited to meals, therapies, activities, bathing etc.,

ASSESSMENT

Assessment of resident's symptoms daily specific to type of illness, date of symptom onset, vital signs, and update to provider with changes

CARE PLAN

Ensure the care plan reflects the following:

Acute illness care plan indicating resident required transmission-based precautions.

EHR CUSTOMIZATION

Create Isolation order set with all required documentation

Create Acute illness, Isolation & Transmission based precautions care plan