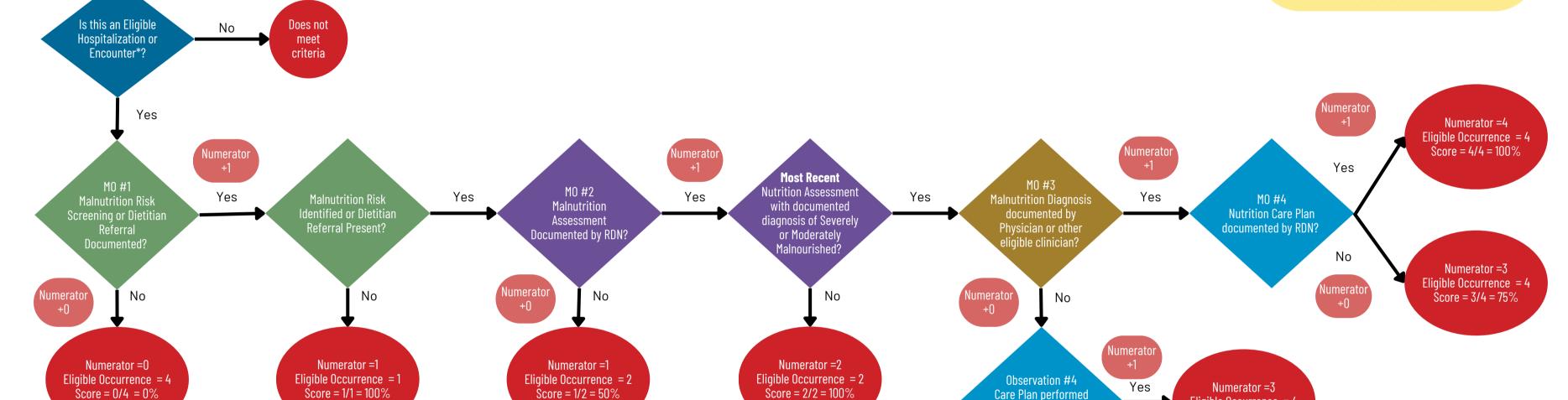# Malnutrition Care Score
Process Mapping at the Encounter Level
Reporting Period CY 2026 / Submission Period CY 2027 / Payment Period FY 2028

Important:
Components do not need to be completed sequentially. Components documented during a related Emergency Room and/or Observation visit, will count towards the calculation.

Inpatient Admission

Is this an Eligible Hospitalization or Encounter*? — No → Does not meet criteria

Yes

MO #1 Malnutrition Risk Screening or Dietitian Referral Documented?
- Numerator +1 — Yes →
- Numerator +0 — No → Numerator =0 / Eligible Occurrence = 4 / Score = 0/4 = 0%

Malnutrition Risk Identified or Dietitian Referral Present?
- Yes →
- No → Numerator =1 / Eligible Occurrence = 1 / Score = 1/1 = 100%

MO #2 Malnutrition Assessment Documented by RDN?
- Numerator +1 — Yes →
- Numerator +0 — No → Numerator =1 / Eligible Occurrence = 2 / Score = 1/2 = 50%

Most Recent Nutrition Assessment with documented diagnosis of Severely or Moderately Malnourished?
- Numerator +1 — Yes →
- No → Numerator =2 / Eligible Occurrence = 2 / Score = 2/2 = 100%

MO #3 Malnutrition Diagnosis documented by Physician or other eligible clinician?
- Numerator +1 — Yes →
- Numerator +0 — No → Observation #4 Care Plan performed and documented by RDN?
  - Numerator +1 — Yes → Numerator =3 / Eligible Occurrence = 4 / Score = 3/4 = 75%
  - Numerator +0 — No → Numerator =2 / Eligible Occurrence = 4 / Score = 2/4 = 50%

MO #4 Nutrition Care Plan documented by RDN?
- Numerator +1 — Yes → Numerator =4 / Eligible Occurrence = 4 / Score = 4/4 = 100%
- Numerator +0 — No → Numerator =3 / Eligible Occurrence = 4 / Score = 3/4 = 75%

Additional MCS Calculations:

1. Total Malnutrition Care Score as Percentage = $\dfrac{\text{Total Malnutrition Components Score}}{\text{Eligible Occurrence}} \times 100 = \dfrac{MO1+MO2+MO3+MO4}{\text{Eligible Occurrence}} \times 100$

2. Aggregate Total Malnutrition Care Score as Percentage = $\dfrac{\text{Average Total Malnutrition Care Score}}{\text{\# of Eligible Hospitalizations* in the Measure Population}} \times 100$

Abbreviations: MO = Measure Observations * CY = Calendar Year * FY = Fiscal Year

*Eligible Hospitalization/Encounter
Inpatient encounters for patients aged 18 years or older on admission, with a length of stay of 24 hours or more. This excludes encounters discharge disposition to hospice care or hospice care orders during the visit.

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