

O0100M, CODING ISOLATION for ACTIVE INFECTIOUS DISEASE

SINGLE ROOM ISOLATION (Alone in a separate room):

- *The resident is in a room alone because of active infection and cannot be 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 (e.g. rehabilitation, activities, dining, etc.). Documentation that supports the coding of Isolation should state that all treatments, therapy, and activities are provided in the patient's room due to isolation precautions.*

ACTIVE INFECTION; i.e.,

- Symptomatic and/or**
- Have a POSITIVE TEST and are in the CONTAGIOUS STAGE with highly transmissible or epidemiologically significant pathogens that have been acquired by physical contact or airborne or droplet transmission.**

TRANSMISSION-BASED PRECAUTIONS (Contact, Droplet, and/or Airborne) must be in effect. Precautions are over and above standard precautions

- **Do not code** this item if the resident only has a history of infectious disease (e.g., s/p MRSA or s/p C-Diff - no active symptoms).
- **Do not code** this item if the precautions are standard precautions, because these types of precautions apply to everyone. **Standard precautions include hand hygiene compliance, glove use, and additionally may include masks, eye protection, and gowns.** Examples of when the *isolation criterion would NOT apply include urinary tract infections, encapsulated pneumonia, and wound infections.*

FOR BEST PRACTICES, ENSURE THAT:

- There is an MD Order for Isolation.
- There is Physician Documentation that supports the rationale for isolation.
- Track isolation on a TAR or MAR to identify the exact days in which isolation occurs.
- Be sure the Care Plan addresses interventions to reduce the negative impact of isolation.
- Facility's Policies and Procedures re: Isolation are up to date
- Verify if a SCSA MDS Assessment is indicated or applicable

If a facility transports a resident who meets the criteria for single room isolation to another healthcare setting to receive medically needed services (e.g. dialysis, chemotherapy, blood transfusions, etc.) which the facility does not or cannot provide, they should follow CDC guidelines for transport of patients with communicable disease, and may still code O0100M for single room isolation since it is still being maintained while the resident is in the facility or programs were received or performed in the facility.