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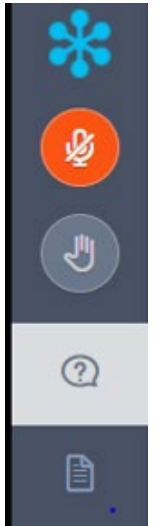
New Measure Review for 2024 Reporting Year  
CMS 986 Global Malnutrition Composite Score

February 22, 2024

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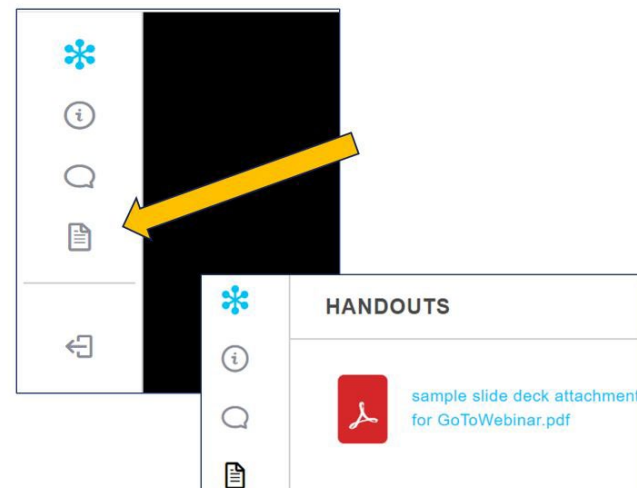
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### "Get Started with eCQMs"

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# Learning Objectives:

- ✓ Navigate to the measure specifications, value sets, measure flow diagrams and technical release notes
- ✓ Apply concepts learned about the logic and intent for the Global Malnutrition Composite Score eCQM
- ✓ Prepare to implement the Global Malnutrition Composite Score eCQM for the 2024 eCQM reporting period
- ✓ Identify common issues and questions regarding the Global Malnutrition Composite Score eCQM

# Topics Not Covered in Today's Webinar

- ✗ Basic eCQM concepts
- ✗ Topics related to chart abstracted measures
- ✗ Process improvement efforts related to this measure
- ✗ eCQM validation



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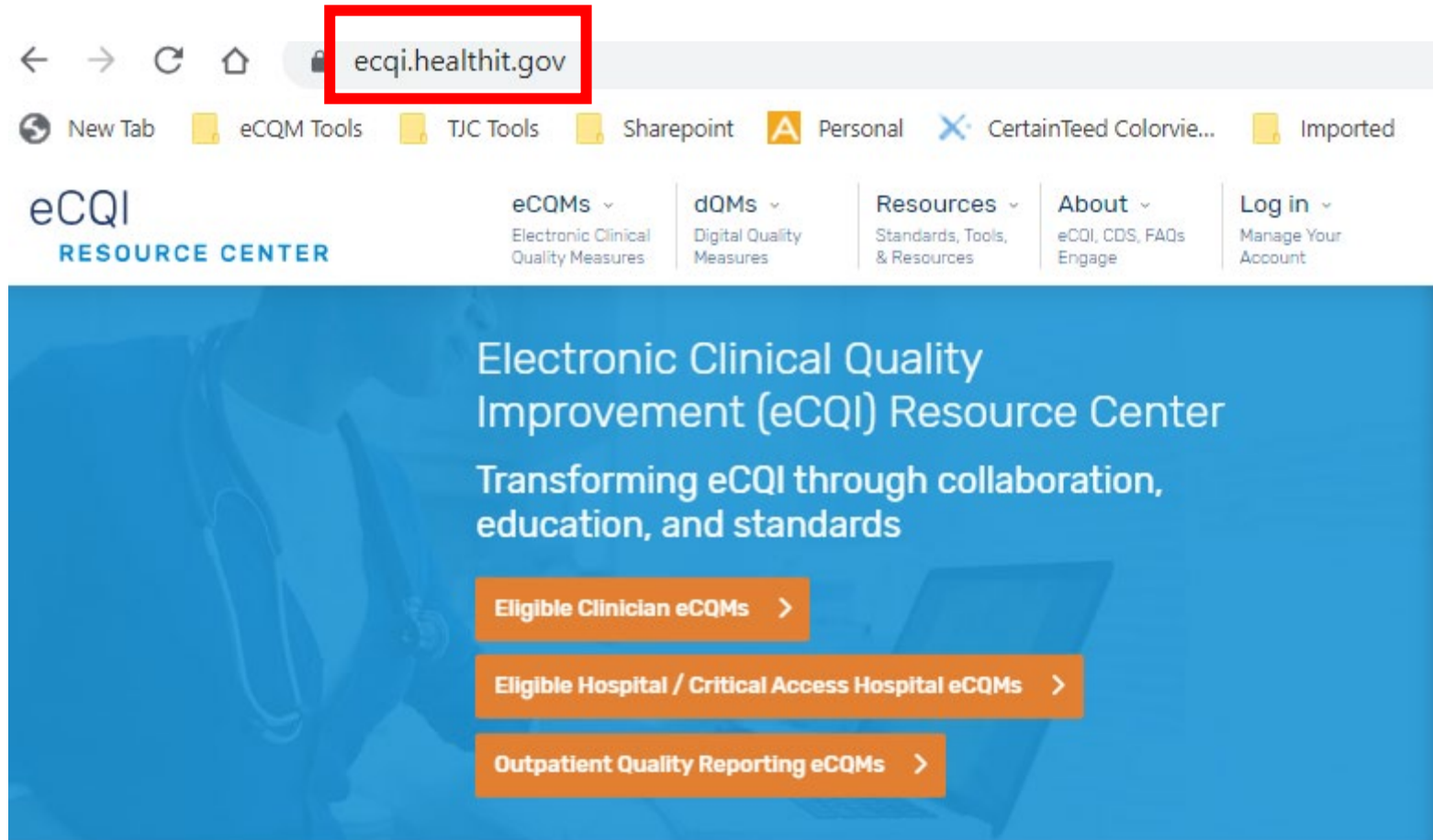
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# Pioneers in Quality Expert to Expert

## Webinar Agenda: EH/CAH eCQMs

- Demonstrate eCQI Resource Center navigation to measure specifications, value sets, measure flow diagrams and technical release notes
- Review the measure flow/algorithm
- Review the new Global Malnutrition Composite Score eCQM
- Review FAQs
- Facilitated Audience Q&A Segment

# eCQI Resource Center Website Demo



# CMS 986 Global Malnutrition Composite Score Overview

# CMS986: Adopted Into CMS Program

- CMS approved CMS986 Global Malnutrition Composite Score for use in the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program.
- Organizations can self-select to report the measure to CMS for calendar year (CY) 2024 reporting period/fiscal year (FY) 2026 payment determination.
- Organizations can self-select to report the measure to The Joint Commission for CY 2024 to meet ORYX eCQM submission requirements.

# CMS986 Global Malnutrition Composite Score

# CMS986: Consensus Based Entity (CBE) Endorsement

- CMS986 Global Malnutrition Composite Score was endorsed by the National Quality Forum (NQF) in 2021
- CBE #3592e

# CMS986 Rationale

- Measure assesses percentage of hospitalizations for adults  $\geq 65$  years of age with LOS  $\geq 24$  hours who receive optimal malnutrition care
- Malnutrition care best practices recommend
  - Screening for malnutrition risk
  - Assessed by RD/RDN for malnutrition
  - Diagnosis by MD/provider
  - Nutrition care plan by RD/RDN



# CMS986 Rationale (continued)

- Patients with malnutrition have increased rates of complications, longer lengths of stay, and higher morbidity than those non-malnourished
- Nutrition interventions with associated monitoring and evaluation are associated with improved outcomes
- Interdisciplinary collaboration is essential to high-quality malnutrition care

# CMS986 Measure Specifications

- GMCS is a continuous variable measure
  - Initial Population (IP): Patients admitted to the hospital
  - Measure Population (MSRPOPL):  $\geq 65$  years of age &  $\geq 24$  hours admission
  - Measure Population Exclusions: none
  
- GMCS is a composite measure
  - 4 individual components measured
  - Scores summed in each encounter
  - Facility aggregate score for reporting period

# CMS986 Measure Specifications

Measure Observation (MO)	Short Description	MO Details	Staff Involved
MO 1: Malnutrition Risk Screening	Encounters with Malnutrition Risk Screening and Identified Result	Identifies hospital encounters where a "Malnutrition Risk Screening" was performed with a current identified "Malnutrition Screening Not At Risk Result" or current identified "Malnutrition Screening At Risk Result"	A nursing professional, registered dietitian (RD), or registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN)
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MO 3: Malnutrition Diagnosis	Encounters with Malnutrition Diagnosis	Identifies hospital encounters where a current "Malnutrition Diagnosis" was documented AND "Nutrition Assessment Status Moderately Malnourished" or "Nutrition Assessment Status Severely Malnourished"	A physician or other qualified healthcare professional
MO 4: Nutrition Care Plan	Encounters with Nutrition Care Plan	Identifies hospital encounters where a current "Nutrition Care Plan" was performed AND "Nutrition Assessment Status Moderately Malnourished" or "Nutrition Assessment Status Severely Malnourished"	An RD or RDN
Total Malnutrition Components Score	Sum of all Components	Sum Measure Observation 1 + Measure Observation 2 + Measure Observation 3 + Measure Observation 4	
Total Malnutrition Composite Score as Percentage	Individual GMCS Score	Divide Total Malnutrition Components Score by Eligible Denominators, then multiple by 100 to calculate the percentage	

# GMCS Episode Performance Case #1

68-year-old male with a LOS of 4 days

Component	Completed	Evidence Documented	Numerator (Calculations 1-4)
<b>Component 1:</b> Malnutrition risk screen	✓	At risk	1
<b>Component 2:</b> RDN nutrition assessment	✓	Documented Moderate malnutrition with RD Assessment	1
<b>Component 4:</b> RDN nutrition care plan	✓	Documented Nutrition Care Plan addressing malnutrition and its causes	1
<b>Component 3:</b> Physician malnutrition diagnosis	✓	Moderate malnutrition	1

Eligible Denominator = 4  
Components 1 and 2 were positive for malnutrition

**Calculation 5 = 1+1+1+1 = 4**

**Calculation 6**

= *sum of documented component ÷ eligible denominators x 100*  
=  $4 \div 4 \times 100 = 100\%$

**Interpretation:** 100% of measure observations required were documented

# GMCS Episode Performance Case #2

77-year-old female with a length of stay of 9 days

Component	Completed	Evidence Documented	Numerator (Calculations 1-4)
<b>Component 1:</b> Malnutrition risk screen	✓	At risk	1
<b>Component 2:</b> RDN nutrition assessment	✓	Documented Moderate malnutrition with RD Assessment	1
<b>Component 4:</b> RDN nutrition care plan	✓	Documented Nutrition Care Plan addressing malnutrition and its causes	1
<b>Component 3:</b> Physician malnutrition diagnosis	✗	No documentation	0

Eligible Denominator = 4  
Components 1 and 2 were positive for malnutrition

**Calculation 5 = 1+1+1+0 = 3**

**Calculation 6**  
= *sum of documented component ÷ eligible denominators x100*  
=  $3 \div 4 \times 100 = 75\%$

**Interpretation:** 75% of measure observations required were documented

# GMCS Episode Performance Case #3

65-year-old male with a length of stay of 2 days

Component	Completed	Evidence Documented	Numerator (Calculations 1-4)
<b>Component 1:</b> Malnutrition risk screen	✓	At risk	1
<b>Component 2:</b> RDN nutrition assessment	X	No documentation	0
<b>Component 4:</b> RDN nutrition care plan	X	No documentation	0
<b>Component 3:</b> Physician malnutrition diagnosis	X	No documentation	0

Eligible Denominator = 4  
Components 1 and 2 were positive for malnutrition

**Calculation 5 = 1+0+0+0 = 1**

**Calculation 6**

= *sum of documented component ÷ eligible denominators x100*  
=  $1 \div 4 \times 100 = 25\%$

**Interpretation:** 25% of measure observations required were documented

# GMCS Episode Performance Case #4

65-year-old female with a length of stay of 4 days

Component	Completed	Evidence Documented	Numerator (Calculations 1-4)
<b>Component 1:</b> Malnutrition risk screen	✓	Not at risk	1
<b>Component 2:</b> RDN nutrition assessment	N/A	No documentation	N/A
<b>Component 4:</b> RDN nutrition care plan	N/A	No documentation	N/A
<b>Component 3:</b> Physician malnutrition diagnosis	N/A	No documentation	N/A

Eligible Denominator = 1  
Component 1 was negative  
for malnutrition risk

**Calculation 5 = 1+0+0+0 = 1**

**Calculation 6**  
= *sum of documented  
component ÷ eligible  
denominators x100*  
=  $1 \div 1 \times 100 = 100\%$

**Interpretation:** 100% of  
measure observations  
required were documented

# GMCS Episode Performance Case #5

75-year-old female with a length of stay of 8 days

Component	Completed	Evidence Documented	Numerator (Calculations 1-4)
<b>Component 1:</b> Malnutrition risk screen	✓	At risk	1
<b>Component 2:</b> RDN nutrition assessment	✓	Documented with no malnutrition diagnosis after assessment	1
<b>Component 4:</b> RDN nutrition care plan	N/A	No documentation	N/A
<b>Component 3:</b> Physician malnutrition diagnosis	N/A	No documentation	N/A

Eligible Denominator = 2  
Component 2 was negative for malnutrition

**Calculation 5 = 1+1+0+0 = 2**

## Calculation 6

= *sum of documented component ÷ eligible denominators x100*  
=  $2 \div 2 \times 100 = 100\%$

**Interpretation:** 100% of measure observations required were documented



# GMCS Aggregate Calculation Example

**GMCS Aggregate Hospital Performance =**  
Episode GMCS Performance ÷ # of Eligible Episodes

$$(100\% + 75\% + 25\% + 100\% + 100\%) \div 5 \text{ hospitalization} = 400 \div 5 \\ = \mathbf{80\%}$$

**Interpretation:** 80% of all clinically eligible components (measure observations) were documented for the measure population (hospitalizations  $\geq$  24 hours for patients  $\geq$  65 years)

**The Goal is to be closer to 100%.**

# CMS986 Measure Specifications

Description: Percentage of hospitalizations for adults aged 65 years and older at the start of the inpatient encounter during the measurement period with a length of stay equal to or greater than 24 hours who received optimal malnutrition care during the current inpatient hospitalization where care performed was appropriate to the patient's level of malnutrition risk and severity

Initial Population	Measure Observation Denominator	Denominator Exclusion
Inpatient hospitalization	Use 1 if MO1 was performed and a “Not At Risk Result” was identified and No “Hospital Dietitian Referral” ordered	No Exclusions
Age: $\geq 65$ years at start of encounter	Use 2 if an “At Risk Result” or “Hospital Dietitian Referral” present AND “Nutrition Assessment Status Not/Mildly Malnourished” present	
Length of stay $\geq 24$ hours	Use 4 in all other instances	

# Navigation to the Measure Flow Diagrams



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## Eligible Hospital / Critical Access Hospital eCQMs

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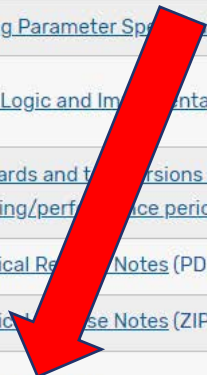
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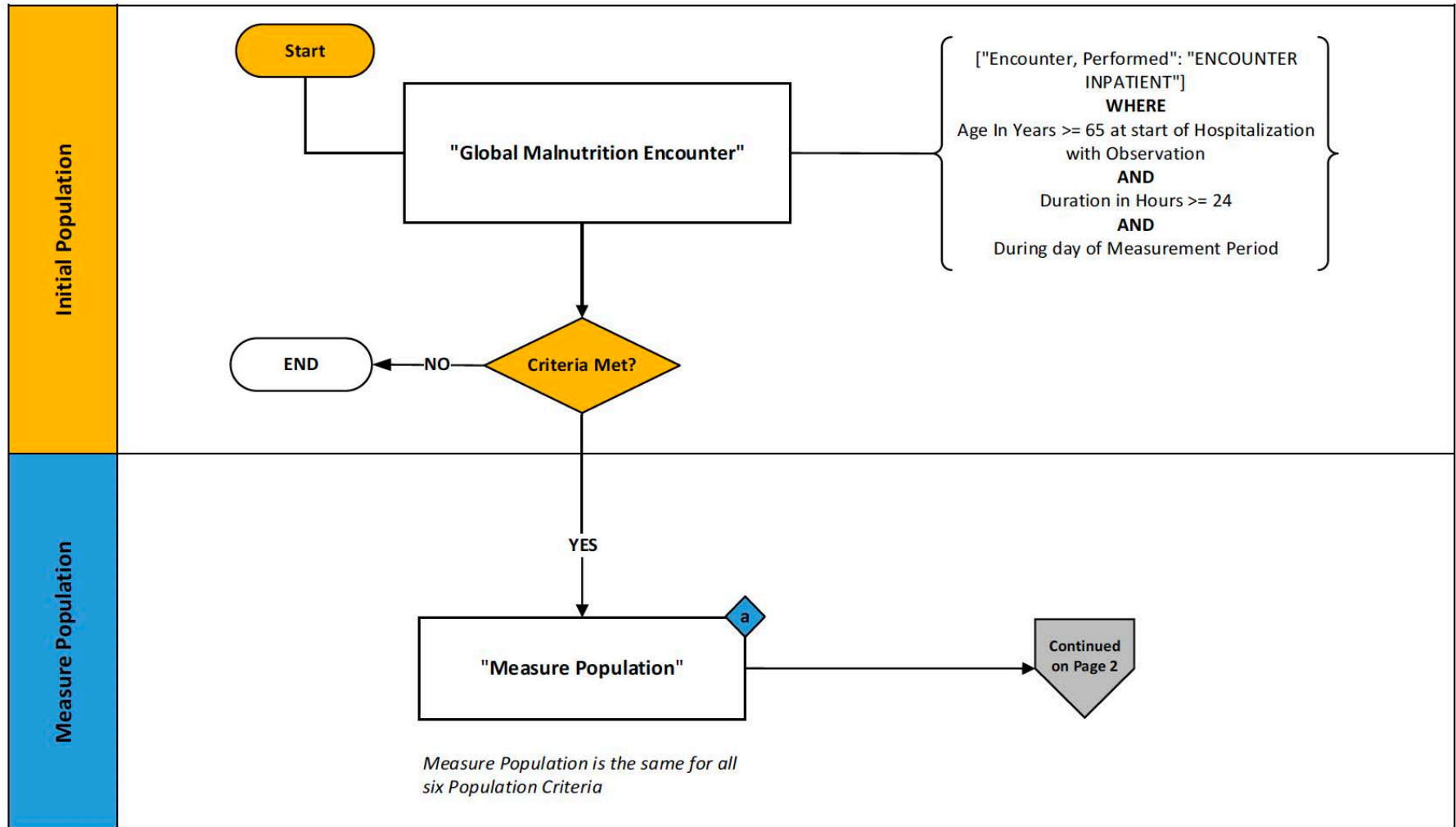
eCQM Resources	Short Description	Published ▾
<a href="#">Implementation Checklist eCQM Annual Update</a>	Implementation checklist ⓘ	May 2023
<a href="#">Guide for Reading eCQMs v9.0 (PDF)</a>	Assists implementers and measured entities with information on how	May 2023

# Navigation to the Measure Flow Diagrams (continued)

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<a href="#">Implementation Checklist eCQM Annual Update</a>	Implementation checklist 	May 2023
<a href="#">Guide for Reading eCQMs v9.0 (PDF)</a>	Assists implementers and measured entities with information on how to read eCQM specifications 	May 2023
<a href="#">Hospital Quality Reporting Table of eCQMs (PDF)</a>	List of eCQMs available for use 	May 2023
<a href="#">eCQM Specifications for Hospital Quality Reporting (ZIP)</a>	eCQM technical specifications 	May 2023
<a href="#">Measure Authoring Tool (MAT) Global Common Library (GCL) Technical Specifications (ZIP)</a>	MAT-CGL specifications 	May 2023
<a href="#">eCQM and Hybrid Measure Value Sets </a>	Value sets used with eCQMs and Hybrid Measures 	May 2023
<a href="#">eCQM Direct Reference Codes List </a>	eCQM Direct Reference Codes used in eCQMs 	May 2023
<a href="#">Binding Parameter Specification (BPS) </a>	Value set metadata 	May 2023
<a href="#">eCQM Logic and Implementation Guidance v7.0 (PDF)</a>	Assists implementers and measured entities with how to use eCQMs and report issues 	May 2023
<a href="#">Standards and tool versions used for reporting/performance period</a>	Tools and standards versions measure developers used to create eCQMs and versions of standards and tools used for their reporting 	Mar 2023
<a href="#">Technical Release Notes (PDF)</a>	Year over year changes to eCQMs, including logic and terminology 	May 2023
<a href="#">Technical Release Notes (ZIP)</a>	Year over year changes to eCQMs, including logic and terminology 	May 2023
<a href="#">eCQM Flows (ZIP)</a>	Assists implementers and measured entities with steps to take to calculate an eCQM 	Aug 2023

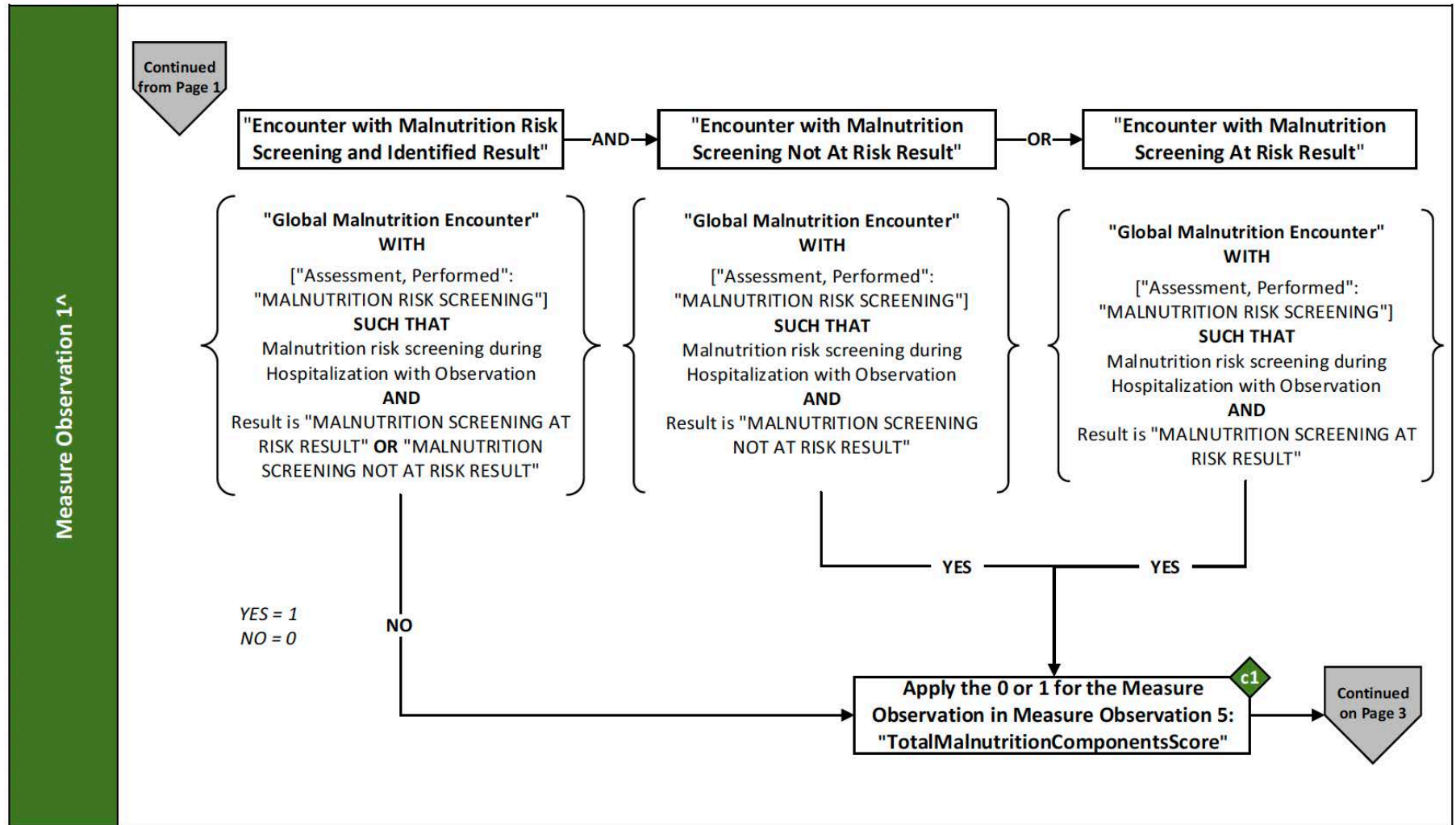


# CMS986 Measure Flow Diagram



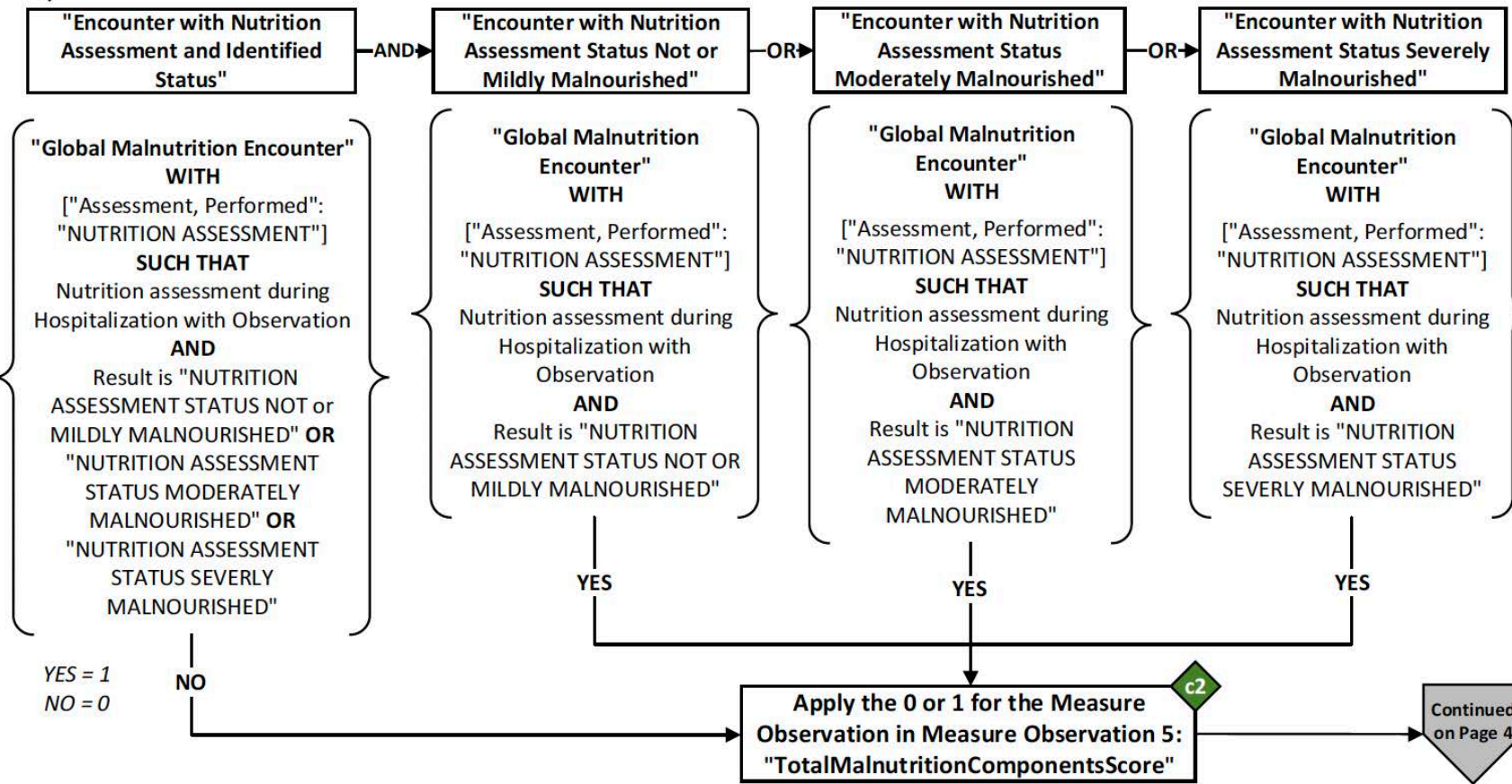


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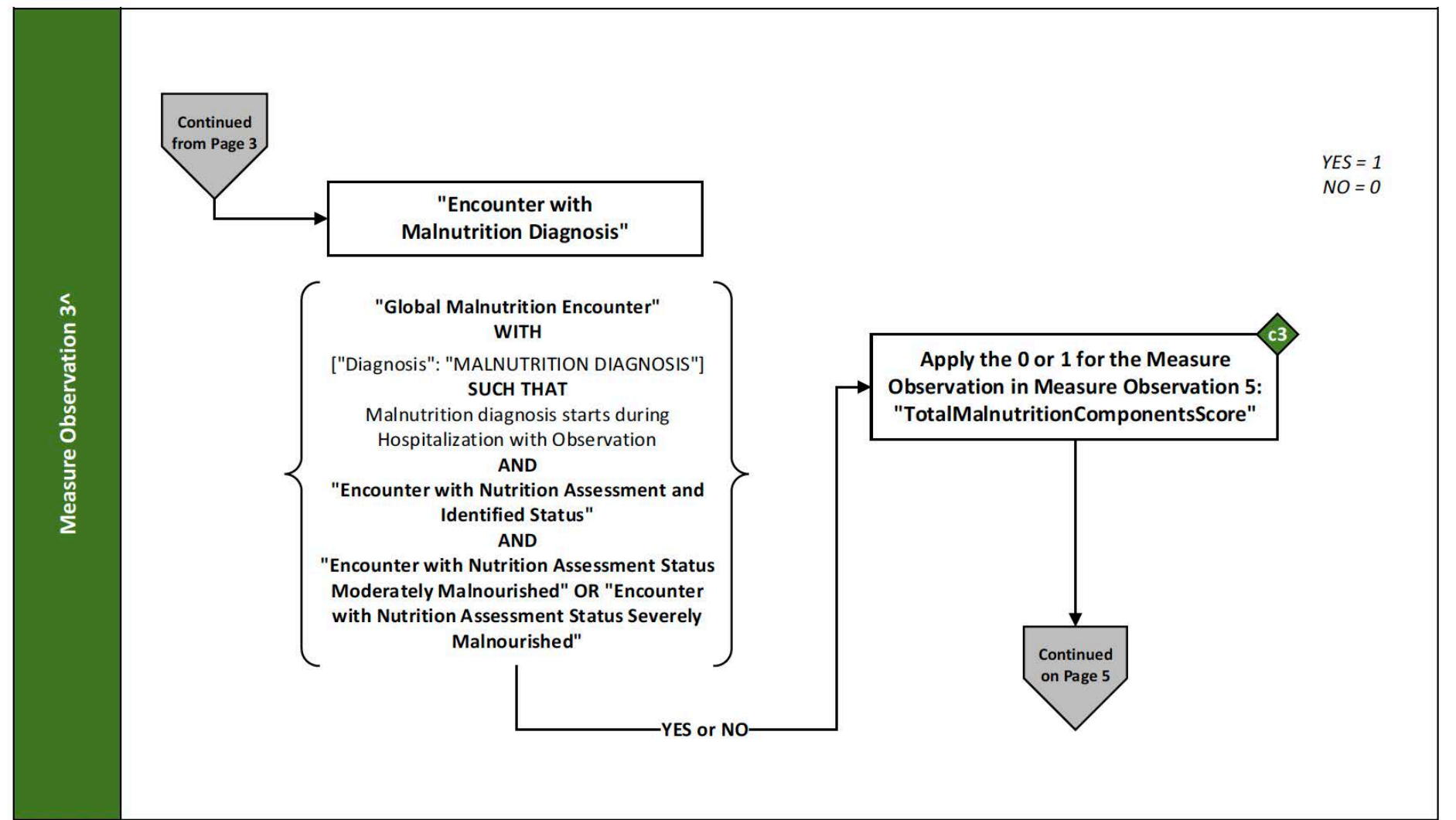
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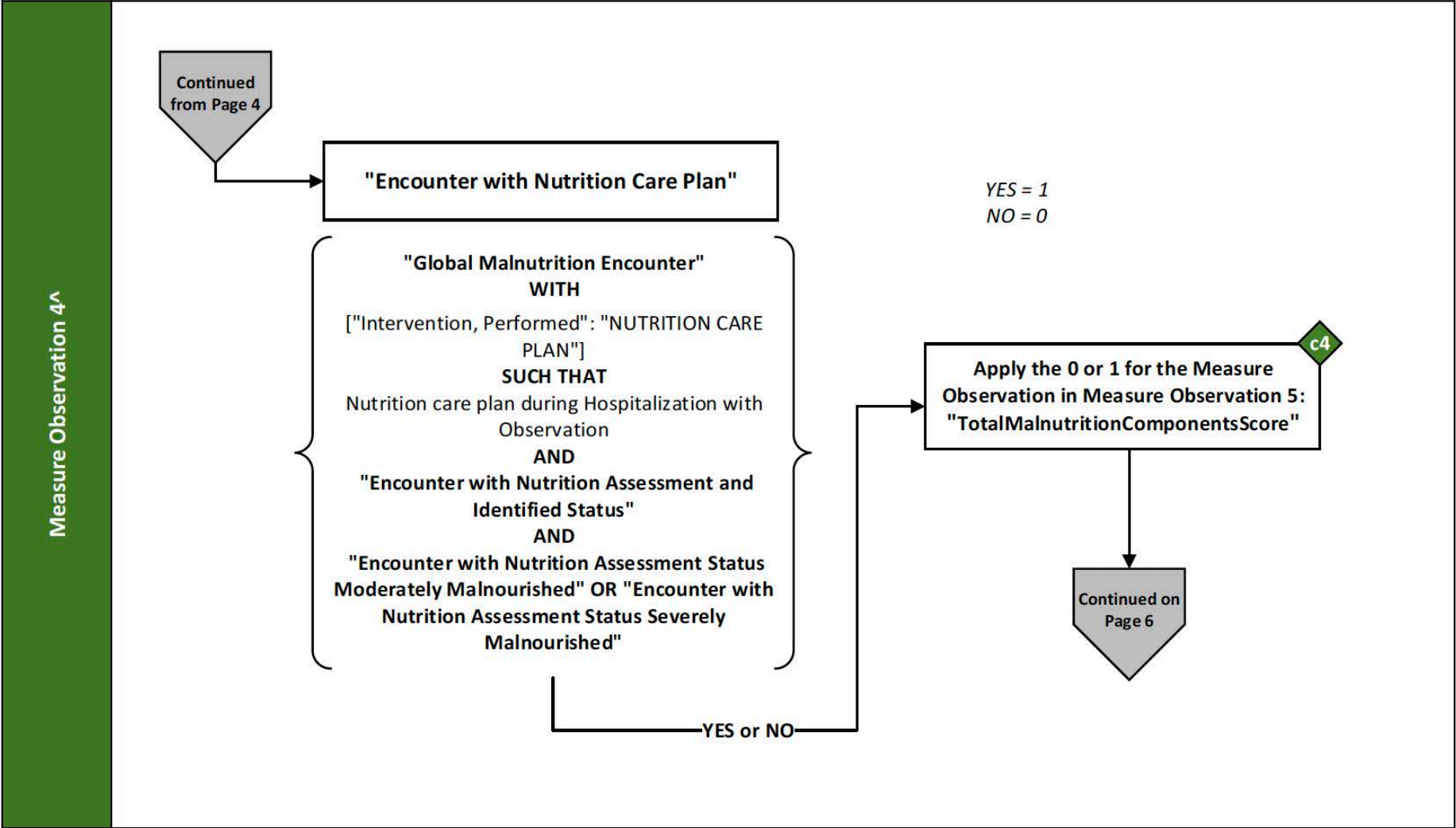
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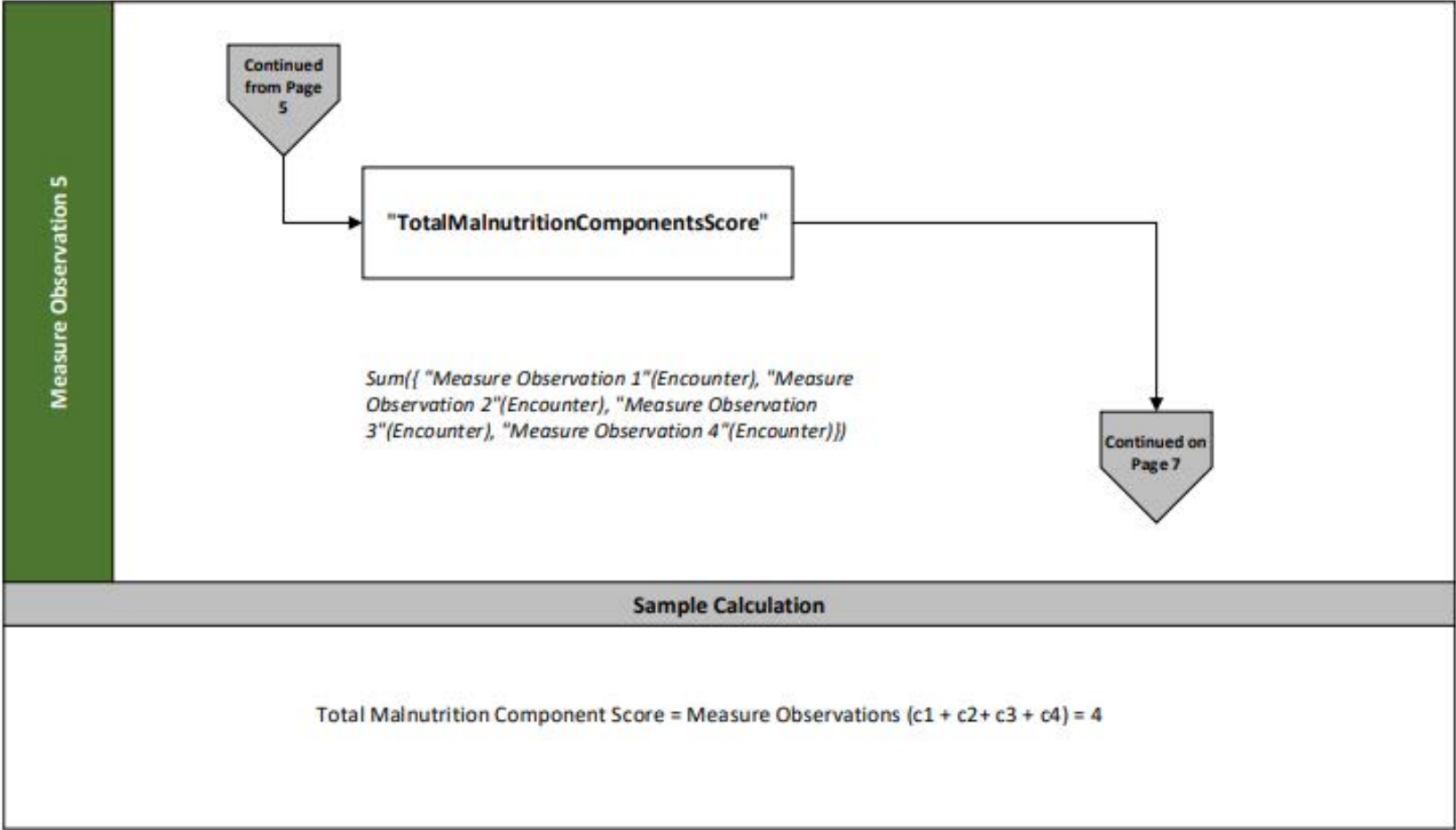
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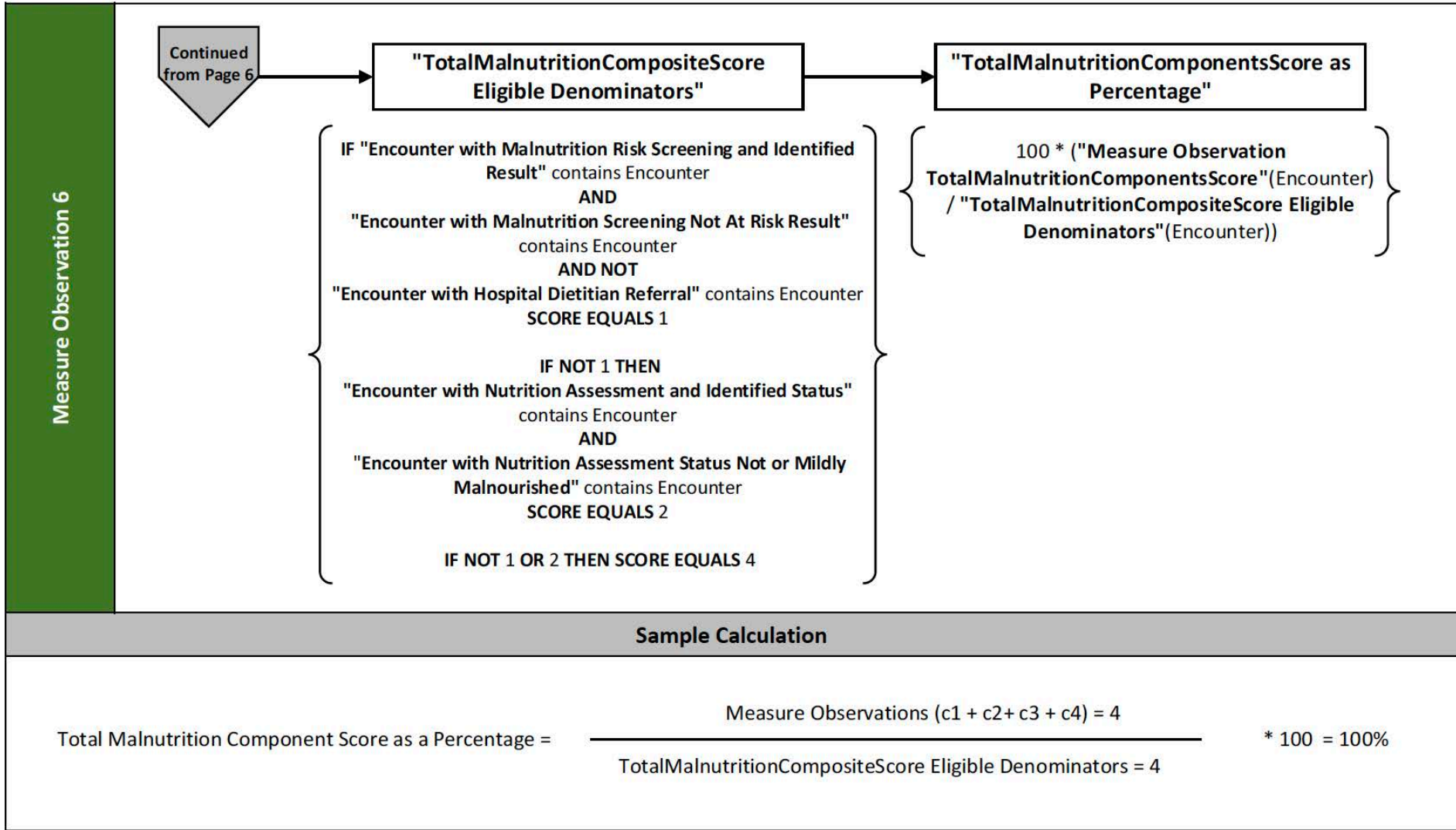
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# CMS986 Measure Flow Diagram (continued)



## Sample Calculation

Total Malnutrition Component Score as a Percentage =

Measure Observations (c1 + c2+ c3 + c4) = 4

TotalMalnutritionCompositeScore Eligible Denominators = 4

\* 100 = 100%

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MO 3: Malnutrition Diagnosis	Encounters with Malnutrition Diagnosis	Identifies hospital encounters where a current "Malnutrition Diagnosis" was documented AND "Nutrition Assessment Status Moderately Malnourished" or "Nutrition Assessment Status Severely Malnourished"	A physician or other qualified healthcare professional
MO 4: Nutrition Care Plan	Encounters with Nutrition Care Plan	Identifies hospital encounters where a current "Nutrition Care Plan" was performed AND "Nutrition Assessment Status Moderately Malnourished" or "Nutrition Assessment Status Severely Malnourished"	An RD or RDN
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# CMS986 Initial Population

## "Global Malnutrition Encounter"

### Global Malnutrition Encounter

[Encounter, Performed": "Encounter Inpatient"] EncounterInpatient  
where AgeInYearsAt(date from start of  
EncounterInpatient.relevantPeriod)>= 65  
and duration in hours of EncounterInpatient.relevantPeriod >= 24  
and EncounterInpatient.relevantPeriod during day of "Measurement Period"

# CMS986 Numerator: Measure Observation 1

**"Measure Observation 1"(Encounter "Encounter, Performed"):**  
if ( "Encounter with Malnutrition Risk Screening and Identified Result"  
contains Encounter  
    and ( "Encounter with Malnutrition Screening Not At Risk Result"  
contains Encounter  
        or "Encounter with Malnutrition Screening At Risk Result" contains  
Encounter  
    )  
    ) then 1  
    else 0

# CMS986 Measure Observation Definitions

## Encounter with Malnutrition Risk Screening and Identified Result

"Global Malnutrition Encounter" GlobalMalnutritionEncounter  
with ["Assessment, Performed": "Malnutrition Risk Screening"]  
MalnutritionRiskScreening  
such that Coalesce(start of  
Global."NormalizeInterval"(MalnutritionRiskScreening.relevantDatetim  
e, MalnutritionRiskScreening.relevantPeriod),  
MalnutritionRiskScreening.authorDatetime)during  
Global."HospitalizationWithObservation" (  
GlobalMalnutritionEncounter )  
and ( MalnutritionRiskScreening.result in "Malnutrition Screening  
Not At Risk Result"  
or MalnutritionRiskScreening.result in "Malnutrition Screening At  
Risk Result"  
)



# CMS986 Measure Observation Definitions

## Encounter with Malnutrition Screening At Risk Result

"Global Malnutrition Encounter" GlobalMalnutritionEncounter  
with ["Assessment, Performed": "Malnutrition Risk Screening"]  
MalnutritionRiskScreening  
such that Coalesce(start of  
Global."NormalizeInterval"(MalnutritionRiskScreening.relevantDatetim  
e, MalnutritionRiskScreening.relevantPeriod),  
MalnutritionRiskScreening.authorDatetime)during  
Global."HospitalizationWithObservation" (  
GlobalMalnutritionEncounter )  
and MalnutritionRiskScreening.result in "Malnutrition Screening At  
Risk Result"

# CMS986 Measure Observation Definitions

## Encounter with Malnutrition Screening Not At Risk Result

"Global Malnutrition Encounter" GlobalMalnutritionEncounter  
with ["Assessment, Performed": "Malnutrition Risk Screening"]

MalnutritionRiskScreening

such that Coalesce(start of  
Global."NormalizeInterval"(MalnutritionRiskScreening.relevantDatetim  
e, MalnutritionRiskScreening.relevantPeriod),  
MalnutritionRiskScreening.authorDatetime)during  
Global."HospitalizationWithObservation" (  
GlobalMalnutritionEncounter )

and MalnutritionRiskScreening.result in "Malnutrition Screening  
Not At Risk Result"

# CMS986 Measure Observation Definitions

## Encounter with Hospital Dietitian Referral

"Global Malnutrition Encounter" GlobalMalnutritionEncounter  
with ["Intervention, Order": "Hospital Dietitian Referral"]  
HospitalDietitianReferral  
such that HospitalDietitianReferral.authorDatetime during  
Global."HospitalizationWithObservation" (  
GlobalMalnutritionEncounter )

# CMS986 Numerator: Measure Observation 2

**"Measure Observation 2"(Encounter "Encounter, Performed"):**

if ( "Encounter with Nutrition Assessment and Identified Status" contains  
Encounter

and ( "Encounter with Nutrition Assessment Status Not or Mildly  
Malnourished" contains Encounter

or "Encounter with Nutrition Assessment Status Moderately  
Malnourished" contains Encounter

or "Encounter with Nutrition Assessment Status Severely  
Malnourished" contains Encounter

)

) then 1

else 0

# CMS986 Measure Observation Definitions

## Encounter with Nutrition Assessment and Identified Status

"Global Malnutrition Encounter" GlobalMalnutritionEncounter  
with ["Assessment, Performed": "Nutrition Assessment"]  
NutritionAssessment

such that Coalesce(start of  
Global."NormalizeInterval"(NutritionAssessment.relevantDatetime,  
NutritionAssessment.relevantPeriod),  
NutritionAssessment.authorDatetime)during  
Global."HospitalizationWithObservation" (  
GlobalMalnutritionEncounter )  
and ( NutritionAssessment.result in "Nutrition Assessment Status  
Not or Mildly Malnourished"  
or NutritionAssessment.result in "Nutrition Assessment Status  
Moderately Malnourished"  
or NutritionAssessment.result in "Nutrition Assessment Status  
Severely Malnourished"  
)

# CMS986 Measure Observation Definitions

## Encounter with Nutrition Assessment Status Not or Mildly Malnourished

"Global Malnutrition Encounter" GlobalMalnutritionEncounter  
with ["Assessment, Performed": "Nutrition Assessment"]  
NutritionAssessment

such that Coalesce(start of  
Global."NormalizeInterval"(NutritionAssessment.relevantDatetime,  
NutritionAssessment.relevantPeriod),  
NutritionAssessment.authorDatetime)during  
Global."HospitalizationWithObservation" (  
GlobalMalnutritionEncounter )

and NutritionAssessment.result in "Nutrition Assessment Status  
Not or Mildly Malnourished"

# CMS986 Measure Observation Definitions

## Encounter with Nutrition Assessment Status Moderately Malnourished

"Global Malnutrition Encounter" GlobalMalnutritionEncounter  
with ["Assessment, Performed": "Nutrition Assessment"]

NutritionAssessment

such that Coalesce(start of  
Global."NormalizeInterval"(NutritionAssessment.relevantDatetime,  
NutritionAssessment.relevantPeriod),  
NutritionAssessment.authorDatetime)during  
Global."HospitalizationWithObservation" (  
GlobalMalnutritionEncounter )

and NutritionAssessment.result in "Nutrition Assessment Status  
Moderately Malnourished"

# CMS986 Measure Observation Definitions

## Encounter with Nutrition Assessment Status Severely Malnourished

"Global Malnutrition Encounter" GlobalMalnutritionEncounter  
with ["Assessment, Performed": "Nutrition Assessment"]

NutritionAssessment

such that Coalesce(start of  
Global."NormalizeInterval"(NutritionAssessment.relevantDatetime,  
NutritionAssessment.relevantPeriod),  
NutritionAssessment.authorDatetime)during  
Global."HospitalizationWithObservation" (  
GlobalMalnutritionEncounter )

and NutritionAssessment.result in "Nutrition Assessment Status  
Severely Malnourished"



# CMS986 Numerator: Measure Observation 3

**"Measure Observation 3"(Encounter "Encounter, Performed"):**  
if ( "Encounter with Malnutrition Diagnosis" contains Encounter  
    and "Encounter with Nutrition Assessment and Identified Status"  
contains Encounter  
    and ( "Encounter with Nutrition Assessment Status Moderately  
Malnourished" contains Encounter  
        or "Encounter with Nutrition Assessment Status Severely  
Malnourished" contains Encounter  
    )  
) then 1  
else 0

# CMS986 Measure Observation Definitions

## Encounter with Malnutrition Diagnosis

"Global Malnutrition Encounter" GlobalMalnutritionEncounter  
with ["Diagnosis": "Malnutrition Diagnosis"] MalnutritionDiagnosis  
such that MalnutritionDiagnosis.prevalencePeriod starts during  
Global."HospitalizationWithObservation" (  
GlobalMalnutritionEncounter )

# CMS986 Numerator: Measure Observation 4

**"Measure Observation 4"(Encounter "Encounter, Performed"):**  
if ( "Encounter with Nutrition Care Plan" contains Encounter  
    and "Encounter with Nutrition Assessment and Identified Status"  
contains Encounter  
    and ( "Encounter with Nutrition Assessment Status Moderately  
Malnourished" contains Encounter  
        or "Encounter with Nutrition Assessment Status Severely  
Malnourished" contains Encounter  
    )  
) then 1  
else 0

# CMS986 Measure Observation Definitions

## Encounter with Nutrition Care Plan

"Global Malnutrition Encounter" GlobalMalnutritionEncounter  
with ["Intervention, Performed": "Nutrition Care Plan"]

NutritionCarePlan

such that Coalesce(start of  
Global."NormalizeInterval"(NutritionCarePlan.relevantDatetime,  
NutritionCarePlan.relevantPeriod),  
NutritionCarePlan.authorDatetime)during  
Global."HospitalizationWithObservation" (  
GlobalMalnutritionEncounter )

# CMS986 Numerator: Measure Observation 5

## Measure Observation

**TotalMalnutritionComponentsScore"(Encounter "Encounter, Performed"):**

Sum({ "Measure Observation 1"(Encounter), "Measure Observation 2"(Encounter), "Measure Observation 3"(Encounter), "Measure Observation 4"(Encounter))

# CMS986 Measure Observation 6

**"Measure Observation TotalMalnutritionCompositeScore as Percentage"(Encounter "Encounter, Performed"):**

$$100 * ( \text{"Measure Observation TotalMalnutritionComponentsScore"}(\text{Encounter}) / \text{"TotalMalnutritionCompositeScore Eligible Denominators"}(\text{Encounter}))$$

# CMS986 Eligible Denominator

## TotalMalnutritionCompositeScore Eligible Denominators(Encounter "Encounter, Performed"):

define function "TotalMalnutritionCompositeScore Eligible Denominators"(Encounter "Encounter, Performed"):

```
if ( ( "Encounter with Malnutrition Risk Screening and Identified Result"
contains Encounter
    and "Encounter with Malnutrition Screening Not At Risk Result" contains
Encounter
)
    and not ( "Encounter with Hospital Dietitian Referral" contains Encounter )
) then 1
else if ( "Encounter with Nutrition Assessment and Identified Status" contains
Encounter
    and "Encounter with Nutrition Assessment Status Not or Mildly
Malnourished" contains Encounter
) then 2
else 4
```

# CMS986 Frequently Asked Question #1

## Question:

If a patient receives a Malnutrition Risk Screening with a Not at Risk Result, but additional measure observations are completed, the resulting performance score is over 100%. Is this correct?

## Answer:

Because the patient received a “Not At-Risk” Result from the Malnutrition Risk Screening, the composite measure calculation should stop at measure observation 1 with an eligible denominator of 1. The calculation should be:  $MO1 = 1$ ,  $MO2 = 0$ ,  $MO3 = 0$ ,  $MO4 = 0$ ,  $MO5 = 1$  ( $1+0+0+0$ ),  $MO6 = 100\%$  ( $1/1$ ).



# CMS986 Frequently Asked Question #2

## Question:

What would be the expected performance score if there is more than one documented Malnutrition Risk Screening?

## Answer:

The current logic prioritizes the presence of a Not at Risk Result at any point during the encounter, regardless of the presence of an At Risk Result.

However, any additional MOs completed will be counted toward the numerator, while the denominator is 1. This will result in erroneously high scores.

# CMS986 Frequently Asked Question #3

## Question:

The current logic is written to exclude records that are admitted during one quarter and discharged during another. Is this the intent?

## Answer:

The intent of the logic is to include only encounters that begin and end during the same measurement period.

# CMS986 Frequently Asked Question #4

## Question:

The current logic for At Risk Result and Not At Risk Result appear identical. Is this the intent?

## Answer:

Though very similar, there are important differences in the logic definitions.

# CMS986 Frequently Asked Question

## **Encounter with Malnutrition Screening At Risk Result**

"Global Malnutrition Encounter"

GlobalMalnutritionEncounter

with ["Assessment, Performed":

"Malnutrition Risk Screening"]

MalnutritionRiskScreening

such that Coalesce(start of

Global."NormalizeInterval"(MalnutritionRiskScreening.relevantDatetime,

MalnutritionRiskScreening.relevantPeriod),

MalnutritionRiskScreening.authorDatetime) during Global."HospitalizationWithObservation" (

GlobalMalnutritionEncounter )

and MalnutritionRiskScreening.result in

"Malnutrition Screening At Risk Result"

## **Encounter with Malnutrition Screening Not At Risk Result**

"Global Malnutrition Encounter"

GlobalMalnutritionEncounter

with ["Assessment, Performed": "Malnutrition

Risk Screening"] MalnutritionRiskScreening

such that Coalesce(start of

Global."NormalizeInterval"(MalnutritionRiskScreening.relevantDatetime,

MalnutritionRiskScreening.relevantPeriod),

MalnutritionRiskScreening.authorDatetime) during Global."HospitalizationWithObservation" (

GlobalMalnutritionEncounter )

and MalnutritionRiskScreening.result in

"Malnutrition Screening Not At Risk Result"

# Additional Resources

**eCQI Resource Center – EH Measures:**

<https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eligible-hospital/critical-access-hospital-ecqms>

**Teach Me Clinical Quality Language (CQL) Video Series**

[https://ecqi.healthit.gov/cql?qt-tabs\\_cql=2](https://ecqi.healthit.gov/cql?qt-tabs_cql=2)

- [Coalesce](#)
- [Normalize Interval](#)
- [Time Zone Considerations](#)
- [Latest, LatestOf, Earliest, EarliestOf, HasStart, HasEnd](#)

**Pioneers In Quality**

<https://www.jointcommission.org/measurement/pioneers-in-quality/>

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# Acronyms

CBE	Consensus Based Entity
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CY	Calendar Year
eCQM	Electronic Clinical Quality Measure
ED	Emergency Department
EHR	Electronic Health Record
FY	Fiscal Year
GMCS	Global Malnutrition Composite Score
HIQR	Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting
MD	Medical Doctor
MO	Measure Observation
NQF	National Quality Forum
RD/RDN	Registered Dietitian/Registered Dietitian Nutritionist