RUG-III Grouping Methodology

What is RUG-III?

Resource Utilization Group, version III (RUG-III) is a grouping methodology used to categorize Continuing Care Reporting System (CCRS) data into groups based on the clinical and estimated resource utilization similarities of the individuals assessed.

What is CMI?

Case Mix Index (CMI) is a relative measure of estimated resource use. Each RUG-III group is associated with a CMI value that provides an indication of the average daily resource use for individuals assigned to a particular group.

Benefits

RUG-III groups and CMI values can be used to better understand the characteristics and needs of resident populations. These tools provide facility and system managers with research-based evidence for planning, quality improvement and resource allocation.

Structure

There are 7 RUG-III categories.

Each category has between 3 and 14 RUG-III groups.

Categories are ordered in a   from most to least resource intensive (i.e., Special Rehabilitation is the most resource-intensive category).

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