EHR Functional Outline and Standard
Care Category and Select Care Setting Definitions

Care Settings, Profiles, and Outreach Work Group

Tier 1: Care Category

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**Care Category Definition**

LTC is a community network of health and supportive services that help individuals and their caregivers manage their health needs, personal needs and activities of daily living in a variety of settings. Typically long-term care is provided over an extended duration of time coordinating care and disciplines across multiple episodes. It includes post-acute and chronic nursing and rehab services in addition to end of life and palliative care. The focus of long-term care is on maintaining independence and sustaining function for as long as possible.

The various components in the long term care spectrum include nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, housing with supportive services, assisted living, adult day care, intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled and home and community-based services, etc. For purposes of validating the functional model, the group has chosen to define how LTC services are provided in the nursing home setting at this time.

Tier 2: Care Settings within the Care Category

**Examples of Care Settings INCLUDED in This Care Category and Rationale**

**Settings Included:**
- housing with supportive services,
- assisted living,
- adult day care,
- intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled board and care, board and lodging, rest residential homes/units

**Why Examples Conform to Care Category Definition:**

They meet the definition of LTC providing a network of health and supportive services that helps chronically impaired persons and their caregivers manage their situations over time, place and provider in the least restrictive setting they call home.
**Examples of Care Settings NOT INCLUDED in This Care Category and Rationale**

*Settings Not Included:*
Hospitals including Rehab units/facilities/hospitals (certified as an acute care hospital and reimbursed under Rehab PPS) and Long Term Acute Care Hospitals (certified as an acute care hospital and reimbursed under LTAC Hospital PPS).

*Why Examples Do Not Conform to Care Category Definition:*
Typically provide services in an acute care setting and are certified and licensed in ways that are similar to other hospitals rather than long term care providers.

**Care Setting within This Category Scoped for the DSTU Ballot**
[See scenario and prioritized list of DSTU functions]

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**Care Setting Definition:**
For the purpose of the EHR functional model, a nursing home is defined as a facility or unit that is licensed and/or certified as a nursing facility or nursing home. Nursing home facilities/units may be hospital-based or freestanding. A nursing home provides nursing care and rehabilitation services to people with illnesses, injuries or functional disabilities.

Nursing homes have a distinct set of federal and state regulations governing multiple areas of operation from staffing levels and expertise to documentation and reporting. There is also have a distinct oversight process with unique forms and data collection needs for survey and monitoring. Nursing homes provide an array of services from postacute nursing and rehab to chronic care in a residential setting.