

Section GG, Yellow Warnings

What does yellow in Section GG mean?

When a field in Section GG (or any other section) turns yellow, it indicates there is a CMS warning. You may still submit an assessment with a warning, but you should understand what the warning means. If you mouse hover on the field or read the error list report, you will see the explanation for the warning.

Example:

Question GG0130A2 is yellow. Mouse hover and it shows “at least one of the Discharge Goal items (notice that not every question in Section GG is in this list!) must have a numeric value. The warning then explains the potential for Payment Reduction.

1. Admission Performance	2. Discharge Goal	
↓ Enter Codes in Boxes ↓		
04	-	A. Eating: The ability to use suitable utensils to bring food and/or liquid to the mouth and swallow food and/or liquid once the meal is placed before the resident.
04		B. Oral hygiene: The ability to use suitable items to clean teeth. Dentures (if applicable): The ability to insert and remove dentures into equipment
04		C. Bowel and bladder control: The ability to void and/or have a bowel movement before and after voiding or having a bowel movement.
04		D. Grooming: The ability to wash, comb, and dry hair. Dressing and drying self (excludes washing of back and hair). Does not include fasteners, if applicable.
04		E. Transferring: The ability to get up from a chair or bed, including fasteners; does not include footwear.
04		F. Walking: The ability to walk on a flat surface with or without a walker or other assistive device.
04		G. Self-Care and Mobility Discharge Goals: At least one of the Discharge Goal items (GG0130A2, GG0130B2, GG0130C2, GG0170B2, GG0170C2, GG0170D2, GG0170E2, GG0170F2, GG0170J2, GG0170K2, GG0170R2, GG0170S2) should be equal to [01,02,03,04,05,06]. Entering the dash [-] as the response to all of the Discharge Goal items may result in a payment reduction for your facility of two percentage points for the affected payment determination.

When you exit the assessment, the Error List will come to the screen. Here, the warning appears like this:

GG0130A2	-3907	Consistency	Warning	-
Self-Care and Mobility Discharge Goals: At least one of the Discharge Goal items (GG0130A2, GG0130B2, GG0130C2, GG0170B2, GG0170C2, GG0170D2, GG0170E2, GG0170F2, GG0170J2, GG0170K2, GG0170R2, GG0170S2) should be equal to [01,02,03,04,05,06]. Entering the dash [-] as the response to all of the Discharge Goal items may result in a payment reduction for your facility of two percentage points for the affected payment determination.				

When you close the report, the assessment will display with the number of fatal errors/ number of warnings/ messages. This assessment has just been started so there are currently 323 fatal errors and 14 warnings.

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Why are questions in Section GG yellow? and Why are some of my answers yellow and others are not?

There are TWO primary reasons why questions in Section GG are yellow.

Warning 3907, illustrated above. Notice that this warning does not equally apply to all questions. In question GG0130, it only applies to A2, B2, and C2 even though there are questions A through H. It also does not pertain to all of question GG0170. Therefore, it will be possible for some questions to be yellow while others are not.

Warning 3891, illustrated below. Notice that this warning is more inclusive. It indicates that at least of the discharge goal items must have a numeric value.

	1. Admission Performance	2. Discharge Goal	
	↓ Enter Codes in Boxes ↓		
J	04	-	A. Eating: The ability to use suitable utensils to bring food and/or liquid to the mouth and swallow food and/or liquid once the meal is placed before the resident.
I	04	-	B. Oral hygiene: The ability to use suitable items to clean teeth. Dentures (if applicable): The ability to insert and remove dentures into and from the mouth, and manage denture soaking and rinsing with use of equipment
H	04	-	C. Toileting hygiene: The ability to maintain perineal hygiene, adjust clothes before and after voiding or having a bowel movement. If managing an ostomy, include wiping the opening but not managing equipment.
GG	04	-	E. Shower/bathe self: The ability to bathe self, including washing, rinsing, and drying self (excludes washing of back and hair). Does not include transferring in/out of tub/shower.
G	04	-	F. Upper body dressing: The ability to dress and undress above the waist, including fasteners, if applicable.
F	04	-	
E	04	-	
D	04	-	
C	04	-	
B	04	-	
A	04	-	

Item: GG0130E2
Warning # -3891

Self-Care and Mobility Discharge Goals: If A0310B=[01], then at least one of the Discharge Goal items (GG0130A2, GG0130B2, GG0130C2, GG0130E2, GG0130F2, GG0130G2, GG0130H2, GG0170A2, GG0170B2, GG0170C2, GG0170D2, GG0170E2, GG0170F2, GG0170G2, GG0170I2, GG0170J2, GG0170K2, GG0170L2, GG0170M2, GG0170N2, GG0170O2, GG0170P2, GG0170R2, GG0170S2) should be equal to [01,02,03,04,05,06,07,09,10,88].

Therefore, if you have one goal which satisfies warning 3891 but that goal is NOT in one of the questions indicated in warning 3907, some of your discharge goals may still be yellow. We do not know if this is oversight in the CMS specifications or if it is intended to be this way. If CMS should issue an update to the specifications, we will adjust the program to reflect the changes.

Why are my ^ answers in Section GG yellow?

If you look at the warning text for either 3907 or 3891 you will see that the specification says you need at least one goal to be a numeric value. When it is not, then the warning is to trigger. Since ^ is not a numeric value, it was causing the warning to trigger. We have assumed this to be a hole in the specifications and have made the warning a bit more intelligent. If you have used a ^ for an assessment that does not require Section GG, it should no longer turn yellow.

When I say to skip, not all of the questions are marked.

For the system to properly trigger all of the skip patterns, you must answer Section A completely. Questions A310B, A310F, A310G, A310H, A2100, and A2400 work together to determine the skip pattern for Section GG. If you are missing answers in any of these questions, it may not correctly skip as you intended.

The ARD in A2300 determines which form you will complete. Which Section GG questions you will answer depends on the ARD, not the Medicare stay (A2400). Therefore, all 5-day and Medicare discharges with an ARD on or after October 1, 2018 will require you to use the new question set. To date, CMS has not announced a transition period.

Some of the new questions in Section GG are related to other questions in GG. These sub-skip patterns are not triggered until you answer the primary Section GG question. As examples, GG0170I sets up questions J-L, and GG0170M is related to N and O. Answering a field in Column 1 (admission performance) with 07, 09, 10, or 88 does not mean that the goal should automatically be a dash or carat. You can mark the performance with these codes and still set a goal of 01 through 06.

Reminder

If you copy from an assessment with an ARD up to Sept 30, 2018 into an assessment with an ARD on or after Oct 1, 2018 – you are NOT copying the same form. In the process of converting from one to the other, not all skip patterns may instantly trigger. You may need to review Section A and press enter on critical fields to get the skips to complete correctly on the new forms. We have tried to facilitate this but there are many combinations of answers and we cannot guarantee that we have covered every variable.

During the CMS Open Door Forum October 2018, a question was asked regarding the payment reduction warning on the validation report for Section GG. The caller stated she is making sure that she has at least one discharge goal and wondered why she was still seeing the warning. The reply was that the validation will show for each Section GG question that is linked to a process measure if it is answered with a dash (non-number). The warning is on the individual question and does not look to see if you have answered at least one.