

**Michigan**  
**COMMUNITY INTEGRATED PARAMEDICINE**  
**Procedure Protocol**  
**FALL RISK REDUCTION ASSESSMENT**

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*This protocol is for trained CIP Paramedics only. If during assessment, procedure, or treatment the patient is found to have a medical emergency in need of hospital treatment, the CIP visit will be suspended, and local MCA protocols utilized.*

**Purpose:** To provide guidelines for the minimum elements of a fall risk reduction assessment and when it should be performed with the intent of reducing preventable falls.

**Aliases:** Home safety assessment, Fall risk check

- I. Indications
  - a. CIP encounter
- II. Contraindication
  - a. None
- III. Equipment
  - a. MCA approved fall risk reduction assessment checklist which will include
    - i. Evaluation of environment
    - ii. Evaluation of patient's ability in current state to maneuver in environment
  - b. An MCA may elect to use an MCA approved abbreviated version of the fall risk reduction checklist for the following situations:
    - i. Subsequent visits of an enrolled patient with no notable change in environment or patient status.
    - ii. Non-scheduled visits that do not allow time for a fall risk reduction assessment due to the disposition of the patient
- IV. Procedure
  - a. Perform fall risk reduction assessment following MCA approved checklist.
  - b. Findings that present threats to the patient's immediate health and well-being must be reported to the referring prior to the conclusion of the visit.
- V. Documentation **see CIP Documentation protocol**
  - a. Additionally
    - i. Completion of checklist
    - ii. Findings
    - iii. Corrections or plan for corrections
    - iv. Inability to complete corrections and reason