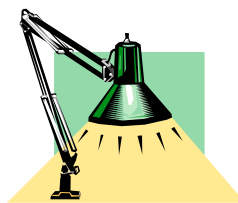


RAI Spotlight



NOW AVAILABLE: Final MDS 3.0 Item Sets and Draft MDS 3.0 RAI User's Manual version 1.18.11

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On April 3, 2023 CMS released the final Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 item Sets and draft Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) User's Manual version (v) 1.18.11. These documents are now available in the Downloads section on the [Minimum Data Set \(MDS\) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument \(RAI\) Manual](#) page.

The MDS 3.0 RAI User's Manual v1.18.11 will be effective beginning October 01, 2023.

This version of the MDS 3.0 RAI Manual contains substantial revisions related to the Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014 (IMPACT Act), which requires that standardized assessment items be collected across post-acute care (PAC) settings. Standardized data

will enable cross-setting data collection, outcome comparison, exchangeability of data, and comparison of quality within and across PAC settings. Additionally, the language of the manual has been updated throughout to be gender neutral. Guidance and examples in numerous chapters and appendices have been revised for clarification and to reflect current regulations and best practices. Due to the scope of the revisions, CMS will not issue Replacement Pages for v1.18.11; those wishing to continue using a physical copy of the manual are encouraged to print the new version. The MDS Item Sets v1.18.11 will be effective beginning October 01, 2023.

Questions:

- **RAI, Manual including MDS coding?** qa-mds@pa.gov
- **State Medicaid**, including Section S, CMI reports and Field Office information? Myers and Stauffer Helpdesk at (717) 541-5809 or pahelpdesk@mslc.com
- **CMS SNF QRP Public Reporting?** SNFQRP-PRquestions@cms.hhs.gov
- **Medicare Part A Billing and Eligibility questions-** Contact your MAC – Novitas at 1-877-235-8073

Next Teleconference:

Date: July 13, 2023
Time: 1:30 – 2:30 pm EDT (Dial-in 10 minutes earlier)
Topic: **The New OSA and CMS Guidance**
Handouts: Presentation materials will be emailed to all participants prior to the start of the training.

Registration Link: <https://mslc.webex.com/webex/register/rtf571429a0f1e5d12cca76a6eae2393a8>

Presenter: Lynn Snider, BSN, RN, RAC-CT

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A recording of this conference will be available following the presentation at:

<https://nfrp.panfsubmit.com/>

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Medications and Diagnosis Teleconference Q & A:



On April 13, 2023 a training teleconference was provided on Medications and Diagnosis Coding. The following questions were received:

Q. Does an antipsychotic medication have to be coded at N0410A if it was only given one time during the look-back period?

A. *Yes. Check if an antipsychotic medication was taken by the resident at any time during the 7-day look-back period (or since admission/entry or reentry if less than 7 days).*

Q. Are Target Specific Oral Anticoagulants, that do not need laboratory monitoring required to be coded in N0410E?

A. *Yes. Anticoagulants such as Target Specific Oral Anticoagulants (TSOACs), which may or may not require laboratory monitoring, should be coded in N0415E, Anticoagulant.*

Q. What is the email for questions regarding the memorandum for adjusting quality measure ratings based on erroneous schizophrenia diagnosis coding?

A. BetterCare@CMS.hhs.gov

Reminder: PA Announces Requirement of Optional State Assessment

Beginning October 1, 2023, MDS items necessary for resident classification under a RUG-based acuity system (RUG-III and RUG-IV) will no longer be available on the standard MDS item sets. States wishing to maintain a RUG-based acuity system after October 1, 2023, need to implement and require submission of an OSA as of that date. CMS will support the use of an OSA by state Medicaid agencies wishing to maintain a RUG-based acuity system through September 30, 2025, at which time states must have any necessary regulatory changes in place to change from a RUG-based acuity system.

Pennsylvania will require the submission of OSA beginning on October 1, 2023. All Medicaid certified nursing facilities submitting MDS assessments in Pennsylvania will be required to submit the OSA assessment with all federally required MDS assessments.

NOW AVAILABLE: Optional State Assessment (OSA) Item Set and OSA Manual

The Optional State Assessment (OSA) Item Set, OSA Manual, and OSA Change History table are now available in the Downloads section on the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Manual page. The OSA is not a federally required assessment; however, as noted above the OSA will be required to be completed with each federally required MDS submission for Medicaid certified facilities in Pennsylvania.

Updated CASPER Daily MDS Census Reports for Nursing Homes

The 1704 Daily Minimum Data Set (MDS) Census Detail and 1740S Daily MDS Census Summary reports in the Payroll-Based Journal (PBJ) report category in the Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reports (CASPER) Reporting application have been updated to reflect all MDS records that have been accepted into the Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES) since migration of MDS submissions was completed on April 17, 2023.

If you have questions or require assistance, please contact the QIES/iQIES Service Center by phone at 800-339-9313 or send an email to iqies@cms.hhs.gov.

Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Medicare Payment and Policy Changes for Skilled Nursing Facilities

On April 4, 2023, The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services issued a proposed rule for fiscal year 2024 for the skilled nursing facility prospective payment system, which would increase aggregate Medicare spending by 3.7% or \$1.2 billion compared with FY 2023.

In addition, the proposed rule includes a forecast error adjustment for FY 2024 and includes the second phase of the PDPM parity adjustment recalibration. This proposed rule also proposes updates to the diagnosis code mappings used under the PDPM.

The rule proposes changes to the measures in the SNF Quality Reporting Program, CMS proposes to adopt three new measures and modify an existing measure on COVID-19 vaccination among health care personnel. CMS would also remove three quality measures and begin publicly reporting of two existing measures.

For the SNF Value-based Purchasing Program, CMS proposes to adopt four new quality measures and replace one measure with a new measure. The agency also proposes the adoption of a Health Equity Adjustment that rewards SNFs that perform well who have resident populations with at least 20% with dual eligibility status.

This rule ([CMS-1779-P](#)) is currently on public display at the Federal Register and will publish on April 10, 2023.

CMS will accept public comments on the proposed rule through June 5.

SNF MDS 3.0 RAI v1.18.11 Guidance Training Program: Slide Decks Are Now Available

Part 1 of the program provides the didactic component of this training.

- * Includes a series of self - paced recorded presentations and corresponding PDFs.
- * Reviews the major guidance changes to the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Version 1.18.11.
- * Explains changes to the intent, rationale, steps for assessment, coding instructions, and coding tips for select data elements.

Part 2 of the program offers a series of coding workshop presentations.

- * Topics correspond to designated didactic components in Part 1.
- * Apply guidance concepts using coding scenarios in a live polling format.

(Part 2 Live Event June 21st, 12:30 - 5:00 p.m.)

[2023_May_SNF Guidance Training Program_Part 1 \(ZIP\)](#)

Manuals with Recent Updates:

Appendix B, RAI User's Manual, State RAI coordinators list:

[Changes to Appendix B January 2023 \(PDF\)](#)

iQIES Reports Training Materials:

[iQIES Reports User Manual v2.2 01.11.23.pdf](#)

