

RAI Spotlight



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Final MDS 3.0 RAI User's Manual Version 1.19.1

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The final *Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) User's Manual* version (v)1.19.1 is 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* v1.19.1 will be effective beginning October 1, 2024.

This version of the *MDS 3.0 RAI User's Manual* contains guidance to support the addition of new items N0415K: Anticonvulsant and O0350: Resident's COVID-19 vaccination is up to date.

Additionally, the Discharge Goals column in items GG0130: Self-Care and GG0170: Mobility has been removed; and the guidance and examples in Section GG have been revised to reflect the modification. Expanded guidance has been added regarding Manual Assessment Correction/Deletion Requests in Chapter 3, Section X, and Chapter 5. Various minor alignments, clarifications, and corrections have been implemented throughout; specifics can be found in the included chapter/section change tables following the guidance.

Questions:

- **RAI**, Manual including MDS coding? qa-mds@pa.gov
- **State Medicaid**, including Section S, OSA CMI reports and Field Office information? Myers and Stauffer Help-desk at (717) 541-5809 or pahelpdesk@mslc.com
- **CMS SNF QRP Public Reporting?** SNFQRPPRquestions@cms.hhs.gov
- **Medicare Part A Billing** and Eligibility Questions - Contact your MAC - Novitas at 1-877-235-8073
- **MDS Technical Issues** including Manual Assessment Correction/Deletion Request and Missing OBRA Assessment Reports (Contact the MDS Automation Coordinator, Ruth Anne Barnard at rbarnard@pa.gov)

Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Technical Information

What's New - August 12, 2024 - Update to I0020B ICD-10 Codes Database

The Microsoft Access database containing the International Classification of Diseases (ICD)-10 codes allowed for item I0020B has been updated to reflect the codes that will be active as of October 1, 2024 (FY2025).

Next Teleconference:

CMS MDS Item Set Updates for 10.1.2024

Date: **October 18, 2024**

Time: **1:30 PM - 2:30 PM**

Topic: **CMS MDS Item Set Updates for 10.1.2024**

Handouts: Presentation materials will be emailed to all participants prior to the start of the training.

Registration Link:

<https://mslc.webex.com/webex/register/r6bb0c87eac5a97008df4a6a825e65a97>

Presenter: Lynn Snider, BSN, RN, RAC-CT
Myers and Stauffer

A recording of this conference will be available following the presentation at: <https://nfrp.panfsubmit.com>

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SNF Quality Measures Data

July 2024: CMS updated skilled nursing facility quality measures data. With the October 2024 refresh, these measures will no longer show in the datasets routinely updated for public reporting:

- Percentage of SNF residents whose functional abilities were assessed and functional goals were included in their treatment plan
- Change in residents' ability to care for themselves
- Change in residents' ability to move around

Once removed, the historic publicly reported measures data will be available in the *Nursing homes including rehab services archived data snapshots*.

Source: <https://data.cms.gov/provider-data/topics/nursing-homes>

MDS 3.0 QM User's Manual Version 16.0 Risk Adjustment Appendix File – Now Available

The Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Quality Measures (QM) User's Manual v16.0 Risk Adjustment Appendix is now available. The Risk Adjustment Appendix File for the MDS 3.0 Quality Measures User's Manual is a reference to be used in conjunction with the MDS 3.0 Quality Measures User's Manual v16.0, and contains coefficient values used to calculate the risk-adjusted quality measures.

The latest coefficient values in this appendix file utilize assessment data received for 2024 Quarter 1, and reflect, where applicable, updates to the measure specifications for the risk-adjusted NHQI measures, effective October 1, 2023.

For more information, please visit the *NHQI Quality Measures* website.

PDPM Grouper to Support XML Input

July 23, 2024 - Currently, the PDPM Grouper processes the MDS assessment in a fixed-length string format. To allow for future flexibility, the fiscal year 2025 release of the PDPM Grouper, effective October 1, 2024, will also support MDS assessments in XML format. The XML format will be the one used for submission of assessments to iQIES and defined in the Downloads section below.

Skilled nursing facilities and their software vendors may continue to use the fixed-length string format or they can convert to using the XML format at any time after October 1, 2024, if that better serves their business needs.

Questions regarding this change may be submitted to GrouperBetaTesting@cms.hhs.gov.

Fiscal Year 2025 Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System Final Rule (CMS 1802-F)

On July 31, 2024, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule updating Medicare payment policies and rates for skilled nursing facilities under the Skilled Nursing Facility

Prospective Payment System (SNF PPS) for fiscal year (FY) 2025. CMS is publishing this final rule that is consistent with the legal requirement to update Medicare payment policies for

SNFs annually. This fact sheet discusses the major provisions of the final rule.

To view the final rule, visit the *Federal Register*.

June 2024 Quarterly Confidential Feedback Reports for the fiscal year (FY) 2025 Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing (SNF VBP) Program Now Available

To download the June 2024 Quarterly Confidential Feedback Reports for FY 2025 SNF VBP Program visit the [Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System \(iQIES\)](#) website. These reports contain facility and stay-level data for the SNF 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Measure (SNFRM) for FY 2023, the FY 2025 SNF VBP Program performance period. These results will be used for the FY 2025 SNF VBP Program year scoring and incentive payment calculations that will take effect October 1, 2024.

To locate your new report in iQIES, please follow the instructions listed below:

1. Log into iQIES at <https://iqies.cms.gov/> using your Health Care Quality Information Systems (HCQIS) Access Roles and Profile (HARP) user ID and password.
2. In the Reports menu, select My Reports.

3. From the My Reports page, locate the MDS 3.0 Provider Preview Reports folder.
 - Select the MDS 3.0 Provider Preview Reports link to open the folder.
4. Here you can see the list of reports available for download.
 - Locate the desired SNF VBP Program Quarterly Confidential Feedback Report.
5. Select More next to your desired SNF VBP Program Quarterly Confidential Feedback Report and the report will be downloaded through your browser.
 - Once downloaded, open the file to view your facility's report.

For additional questions about accessing your SNF's report, which can only be accessed in iQIES, please contact the QIES/iQIES Service Center by phone at (800) 339-9313 or by email at iqies@cms.hhs.gov.

Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing Program

May 2 Webinar Materials Available - CMS posted the [recording and materials](#) from the *Overview of the Early Look Performance Score Report for the Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing (SNF VBP) Program* webinar. Learn about FY 2026:

- ✓ Planned format of the official Performance Score Report
- ✓ Planned scoring and payment methodology
- ✓ Expanding access to multiple quality measures

For questions about the webinar or SNF VBP Program, contact the SNF VBP Program Help Desk at SNFVBP@rti.org.

For help getting your facility's report in iQIES, contact the QIES/iQIES Service Center by phone at 800-339-9313 or email at iqies@cms.hhs.gov.

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Source: <https://www.cms.gov/files/zip/pdpmicdcodesfy2025.zip>

Manuals with Recent Updates:

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The July update of Appendix B to the *RAI 3.0 User's Manual* contains changes to the list of State RAI Coordinators, MDS Automation Coordinators, and CMS locations and contacts. To ensure accurate

formatting, use a current version of Adobe Acrobat Reader to view this PDF. Web-based or mobile browser plug-ins may affect how the file is displayed.

