

# ECS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The latest in ECS News, Technology, & Company Updates

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## Upcoming Webinars



### MDS October Changes

**Session Date:** Wednesday, August 19th (1:00pm-2:00pm CST)

**Sign Up Today- Space is Limited!**

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### What's New in the Fall Update

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## Ready for PDPM on OBRA Assessments?

CMS announced as of 10/1/2020, all stand-alone OBRA assessments will have the capability to generate a PDPM HIPPS code. ECS is preparing the necessary programming to accommodate this change. Facilities will have the option to turn this feature on in Site Settings, dependent on their state's preference.

### What does this mean for your state?

The first step is to check with your state to determine if this feature needs to be turned on as of October 1. If so, your facility will need to prepare to complete the same charting that is completed for Medicare residents, on all residents. On a stand-alone OBRA, the following items will be active that have previously been inactive: I0020, I0020B, GG0130 (Self-Care Admission questions), GG0170 (Mobility Admission questions), and J2100 (which could trigger J2300-J5000 if J2100 is answered with a "yes").

Question I0020B will require an approved diagnosis code, even on a stand-alone OBRA. CMS has stated for this MDS type, facilities may utilize a code from the current ICD codes table, or they may utilize a code from a secondary table, which has yet to be released by CMS. In addition, facilities will need to document Section GG charting. If your facility does not already have the most updated charting screens for GG, please contact [clinical@american-data.com](mailto:clinical@american-data.com) to get those transferred into your system. Lastly, question J2100 regarding prior surgeries will need to be answered.

### What are the next steps?

Keep an eye out for upcoming webinars to be held in August/September, which will provide more details on these upcoming changes and guide you on preparation steps.

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## Haven't logged on to the new Client Sign On yet?

The Client Sign On is an important tool for many roles in your facility. The site is not only a training tool for new ECS users, but is also a resource for documentation on new features in ECS, important company announcements, an outlet to download the latest ECS software update, and much more. Log on today and check it out for yourself!

### How do I log in?

For login credentials, please contact your facility's active Administrator, DON and/or System Supervisor. The person who holds one or any of these positions at your facility will be able to set up your account and provide log in credentials for access.

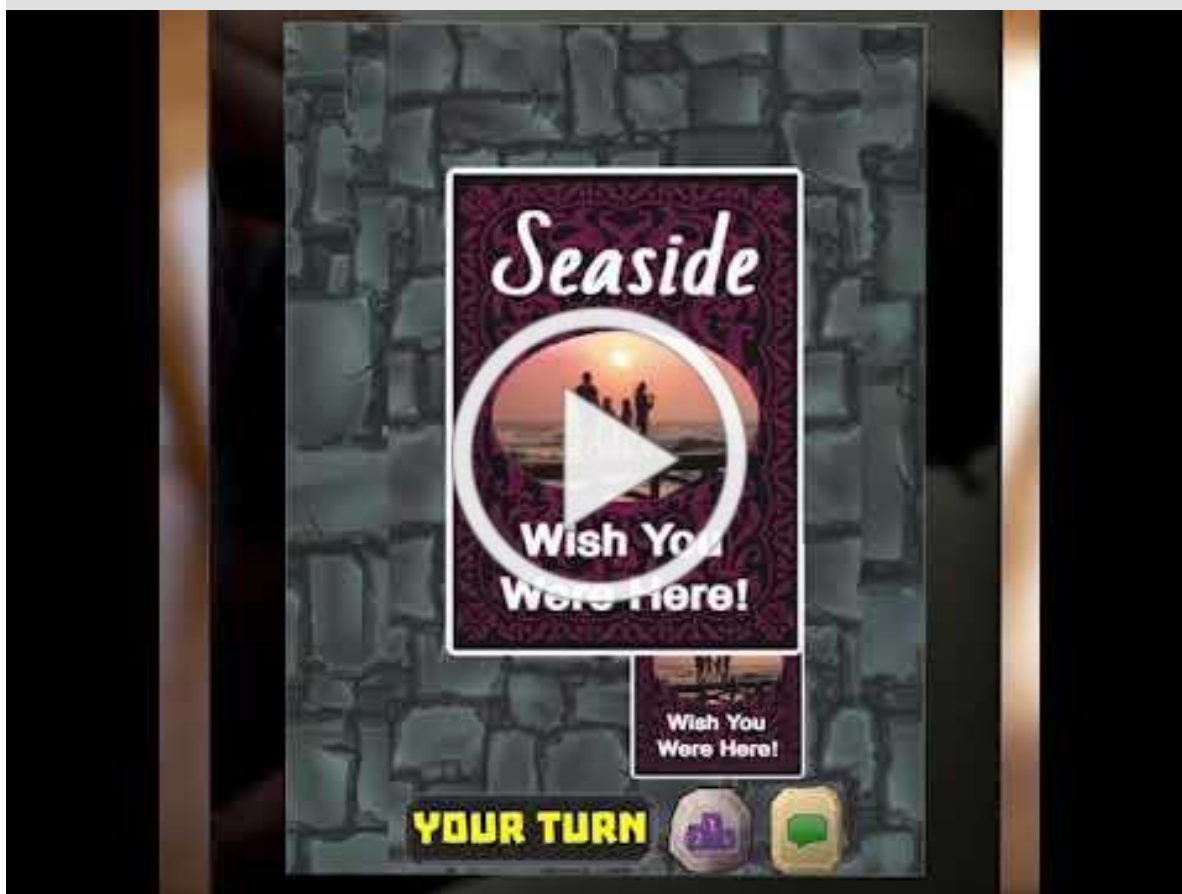
**I'm an Administrator, DON and/or System Supervisor and did not receive the set-up email. What now?**

If you did not receive the set-up email from American Data containing instructions on how to set up your facility portal and your staff, **please check your spam/junk folder as this initial email may have been detected as spam.**

If you cannot locate the set-up email from American Data, please send an email to [cares@american-data.com](mailto:cares@american-data.com) and our staff will assist you.

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## You & Your Residents



**PICTURE THIS**

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**Want to share Picture This with your residents and their families?**

Copy and paste the link to this video in your resources or activities section along with a little information about the app:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQyFHT0Rg2w&feature=youtu.be>

"When a loved one's memory declines, conversation can become a struggle. Picture This helps facilitate communication between loved ones and their families through the power of pictures. You can create custom card backs and send text message invites straight from your phone! Use your own family photos to help connect past memories and people to present realities. Picture This engages the short-term and long-term memory all in one activity."

**GET MORE INFO**

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**Be featured in the Newsletter!**

YOUR Facility could be in next month's Newsletter as American Data's Featured Facility! Submit a group photo of members of your staff via Facebook Messenger or email us at [cares@american-data.com](mailto:cares@american-data.com) with your facility's name, location, and a short blurb to be the feature photo at the top of the next Monthly Newsletter.

Your facilities are the reason American Data thrives, and we want to recognize that.

A banner for National Health Center Week 2020. On the left is a lighthouse with a red band and a white top, set against a dark blue night sky with stars. The text "NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK 2020" is in small white letters, and "Community Health Centers" is in large white letters. Below it is the tagline "Lighting the Way for Healthier Communities Today and in the Future." At the bottom left is the logo for the National Association of Community Health Centers, and at the bottom right is the hashtag "#NHCW20".

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## **National Health Center Week 2020 (August 9th- August 15th)**

National Health Center Week celebrates the efforts of community health care centers all across the nation. This year, the focus of NHCW is to raise awareness of the dedicated frontline workers, staff, and patients who have been affected by the global pandemic. Each day in NHCW focuses on a different area in the community which sponsors are encouraged to plan related events. These events include a variety of fundraisers and services, all encouraging social-distancing. To see what events are taking place in your community, follow [this link](#) or go to <https://healthcenterweek.org/events/> to select your state.

### **Sunday, August 9th**

#### **Public Health in Housing Day**

In today's value-based care environment, organizations are accountable for improving health outcomes and lowering costs. To achieve these goals and succeed in such an environment, organizations need to better understand their patients to address both their clinical and non-clinical needs and impact the root causes of health, including patients' health behaviors, health outcomes, and health costs. [Read More](#)

### **Monday, August 10th**

#### **Healthcare for the Homeless Day**

People who are homeless have high rates of chronic and acute disease, behavioral health conditions, and other needs that make them particularly vulnerable to poor health, disability, and early death. As health centers serving a special population, HCHs provide high-quality, comprehensive primary care, behavioral health care, case management, outreach, and other needed services to meet the needs of people who are homeless. [Read More](#)



### **Tuesday, August 11th**

#### **Agricultural Worker Health Center Day**

Community Health Centers serve approximately 20% of the estimated 4.5 million Agricultural Workers in the United States. Over the past few years, hundreds of health center staff members, community health workers, clinicians, executives, consumer board members, and advocates have developed more effective strategies to increase access to care for migrant and seasonal agricultural workers and their families. [Read More](#)

### **Thursday, August 13th**

#### **Stakeholder Appreciation Day**

Health centers have a proud tradition of support from both sides of the political aisle. Bipartisan support continues to be beneficial for advocacy and policy priorities. Earlier this year, Congress passed a bipartisan budget deal that included \$7.8 billion dollars in federal grant funding for the Community Health Center program. [Read More](#)

### **Wednesday, August 12th**

#### **Patient Appreciation Day**

By law, Community Health Center boards must be comprised of at least 51% community members. Community board members are individuals who live in the community served by the health center, are patients, and represent others who are served by the health center in terms of demographics such as race, ethnicity, and gender. The model works because it ensures that patients represent the needs and voice of the community. [Read More](#)

### **Friday, August 14th**

#### **Health Center Staff Appreciation Day**

The incredible value Community Health Centers bring to their patients and community is because of the diligent work of health center staff and volunteers – individuals who are committed to providing high quality care to patients in need. Community Health Center staff and volunteers are dedicated to the Community Health Center Movement and deserve to be recognized. [Read More](#)

### **Saturday, August 15th**

#### **Children's Health Day**

More than 8 million children in the United States get their primary health care from a Community Health Center. Without a doubt, the timing of National Health Center Week lends itself well to engaging the youngest members of our communities as they prepare to return to school. From well-child checks to book drives to fun runs, health centers host events that will help children feel healthy, happy, and empowered now and in the future. [Read More](#)

*Taken from the National Health Care Week home site.*  
For more information, visit <https://healthcenterweek.org/>

## Deficiency-Free Survey Awards



# Share Your Success!

### **Did your facility receive a Survey? Let us know!**

Please let us know of your facility's Deficiency-Free Survey and/or Most Improved Survey so we can share your successes! Send an email to [cares@american-data.com](mailto:cares@american-data.com).

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Or send us an email at [cares@american-data.com](mailto:cares@american-data.com)

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