ECS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The latest in ECS News, Technology, & Company Updates

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-*Client Sign On training site.*
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AR, AP, and GL Enhancements and Capabilities in ECS

As promised, new enhancements in our GL, AP, and AR systems have been implemented - and more are on the way!

ECS Accounts Receivable

The ECS Accounts Receivable module is linked directly to your clinical record. Data from Demographics, Face Sheets, Diagnosis, Nurse Charting, MDS, Therapy and more, is used to produce charges, populate invoices and financial forms. Resident records follow them through your continuum of care. ECS's flexible reporting options allow reports to combine data across services or be separated by service. ECS's Financial reports export to Microsoft Excel and can be saved as a PDF. UB04s and 1500s can be batched and sent electronically to any intermediary from ECS. Electronic Remittance Advice files can be imported, making payment posting quick, easy, and accurate. ECS's Trust Account module is included and can be used across services. Transactions posted in Accounts Receivable are posted directly to the General Ledger. ECS's integration between your clinical and financial record,increases revenue, reduces the amount of data entry, minimizes the potential for user error, and the time it takes to complete billing. Faster, more accurate, claim generation means faster payments and reduced outstanding Accounts Receivables.

ECS Accounts Payable

The ECS Accounts Payable module uses the concepts of the Accounts Receivable module and applies them to Vendors and Providers, streamlining the learning and workflow of the users. ECS's Accounts Payable module allows for easy invoice data entry and vendor profile information or the ability to import this information. ECS's flexible reporting capabilities allow for customized checks and the ability to see outstanding invoices for one service or all services in your organization. ECS can send payments via paper check or ACH transactions and payments can be made on your schedule.

Accounts Payable transactions post directly to the General Ledger reducing data entry and the potential for error, allowing you to generate accurate, up to the minute, reports within one financial system.

ECS General Ledger

The ECS General Ledger is tied directly to the Accounts Receivable, Trust Account, and Accounts Payable modules eliminating the need to manually enter transactions. ECS's Integration with these modules allows you to efficiently manage all accounting functions in one package. General Journal and Payroll Entries can be entered manually and/or imported. With ECS, budgets can be updated and/or imported based on your account numbers and Fiscal Period. Bank Reconciliation is quick and easy. ECS uses your Chart of Accounts allowing for financial statements to be customized based on your organization's structure. Detailed transactions

can be found by drilling down in any General Ledger report and exporting to Microsoft Excel is standard. ECS provides one complete clinical and financial system.

Can't make it to our AP and GL webinar below? No worries! You can request a demo at anytime.

SCHEDULE A DEMO TODAY!

Upcoming Webinars

What's New in the Fall Update - Clinical & Financial

Session Date: Wednesday, September 15th (1:00pm-2:00pm CST)

SIGN UP TODAY

AP & GL Demonstration

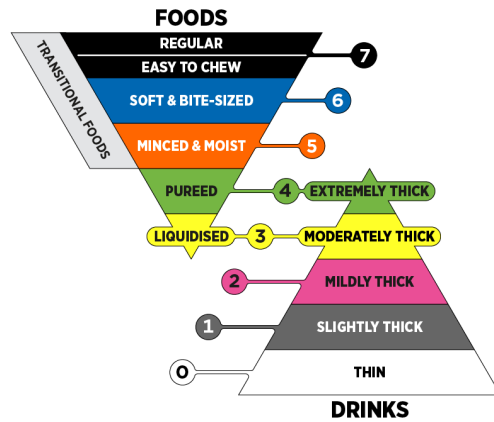**Session Date:** Thursday, September 23rd (1:00pm-2:00pm CST)

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International Dysphagia Diet Standardization Initiative

ECS has adopted the terminology from the *International Dysphagia Diet Standardization Initiative (IDDSI)* for use in diet and supplement orders. This initiative was first launched in the United States in May of 2019, and those facilities with databases or physician orders modules installed more recently will already have this terminology in place. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics has announced that beginning in October of 2021, the IDDSI will be the only texture-modified diet recognized by NCM (Nutrition Care Manual). The National Dysphagia Diet (NDD) and associated resources will no longer be included in the NCM after October of 2021. Please take note that these are best practice guidelines and a change of terminology has not yet been required by CMS. If you would like to update the language in your Diet and Supplement topic to reflect that of the IDDSI, please see the handout below, or reach out to **clinical@american-data.com.**

The IDDSI Framework

Providing a common terminology for describing food textures and drink thicknesses to improve safety for individuals with swallowing difficulties.

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UPDATE TOPIC IN ECS

IDDSI HANDOUT

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Wisconsin Medicaid Billing Changes

American Data is aware that Wisconsin Medicaid will be moving to reimburse based on PDPM HIPPS codes with dates of service on and after **January 1, 2022**. ECS already has the ability to calculate OBRA PDPM HIPPS Codes and report them and their associated rates on the OBRA PDPM Analyzer. Charge Master tasks for use with the OBRA PDPM HIPPS Codes were included in a previous update. We are working through the details of potential programming changes. We will be sending out additional emails with more specific information later this fall.
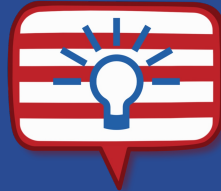
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COVID-19 Vaccination Announcement

American Data is aware that Pfizer and Moderna recently received approval for their COVID-19 (third dose) vaccine. If your facility plans to administer the third dose, please reach out to us at **clinical@american-data.com** so we can update your Immunization topic. These setups will not be billable as long as your facility already had American Data staff build the original COVID-19 immunization words.

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ECS Tip of the Month

Each month staff at American Data share lesser-known features of ECS to help the charting and billing process go smoothly.

Don't Forget!

Save your work often to help keep your charting accurate, especially when using the MAR or TAR. Using "Save" in the MAR or TAR will preserve your signature and ensure any information you enter, such as vital signs or intake amounts, gets written back to the appropriate topic for later reporting.

LEARN MORE

We'll see you at the Conference!

Wisconsin Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs Association

JAIL ADMINISTRATORS CONFERENCE

October 6-8, 2021 | Green Bay, WI

Jail Administrators Conference

Chat with our knowledgeable staff at the Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Association Conference October 6th-8th in Green Bay, WI. Want to learn more about ECS's features for **Correctional Facilities**? Email us at **info@american-data.com** or call 1-800-464-9942.
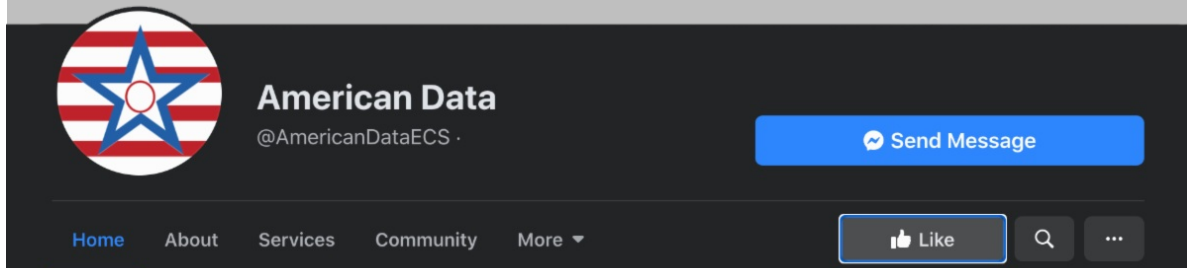
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Deficiency-Free Survey Awards

Share Your Success with American Data!

Many ECS Facilities receive perfect surveys. Did your facility? 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.**

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