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ECS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The latest in ECS News, Technology, & Company Updates

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Notice from American Data



Below is a word for word email we received from one of our updated ECS10 clients. Apparently, PCC got a hold of one of our notices we had sent to a few of our clients who have not yet updated to our latest and greatest version of ECS and twisted our notice to best suit their commissioned sales person's efforts. If you receive such a call from PCC, know that they are not telling the truth.

"We had a representative from PCC call and speak with our Administrator. This person shared that there would be cumbersome updates to ECS in the fall, later part of 2021...Our facility hasn't experienced these such things [as they described]"

Thank you for your understanding. Feel free to contact info@american-data.com with further questions.

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Upcoming Webinars



Demonstration of the New Nursing Module

Session Date: Thursday, March 16th
(1:00pm-2:00pm CST)

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What's New in the Spring Update

Session Date: TBD

Stay tuned for the announcement of our *What's New in the Spring Update* webinar now to be held in **April**. Webinar dates are also posted to our [website](#) under the Upcoming Webinars page.

ECS Updates and Industry News



COVID-19 Vaccination Announcement

American Data is aware additional COVID-19 vaccine manufacturers continue to receive approval. We are closely monitoring the CMS website for approval dates on the new vaccines. As of 2/27/2021, Janssen's one-dose vaccine was approved.

If your facility will be affected by the approval of any new manufacturers, please reach out to us at clinical@american-data.com so we can update your Immunization topic. These setups will be billable and are estimated to take 15 mins to add each additional manufacturer.

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MEDI-SPAN GPI CHANGES

Medi-Span Announces GPI Changes

According to a technical bulletin sent from Medi-Span, several drugs are being re-categorized with a new Generic Product Identifier (GPI) to provide a positive impact to the drug formulary. GPIs are utilized to assist in matching a medication if sent via a Script pharmacy interface, as well as when completing drug contraindications. If your facility does not utilize a Script pharmacy interface, drug contraindications, or have any orders containing a medication in the list provided, then no changes are needed. However, if you do look through the table and find any of those medications on your resident records, these will need to be updated so they include the new GPI. Although there are 195 medications on the list, it appears many are not commonly used. So we are anticipating minimal changes needed, if any.

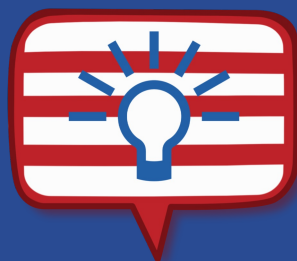
The GPIs are being updated as of the file pushed out on April 7, 2021. Our clients can begin to re-write any affected orders on April 12, 2021. Orders will need to be discontinued and entered from scratch to pick up the correct GPI.

Please reference the [Medi-Span Spring 2021 GPI Changes](#) spreadsheet or click the "Get Document" button below for the list of medications being changed. In this spreadsheet, we list the old GPI, new GPI, and drug name. Keep in mind, this will only affect medications written **prior to April 7, 2021**. If any medications on the list are written after this date, they will automatically have the updated GPI attached.

For any additional questions regarding this change, please contact our clinical department at clinical@american-data.com.

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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.

Insurance

Name	MDS	Target Date
Smith, Carmen	Not OBRA - Not PPS (PPS Discharge)	01/08/2021
Smith, Carmen	Not OBRA - Not PPS (5 day)	01/21/2021
Smith, Megan Joy	Admission - 5 day	11/11/2019
Smith, Megan Joy	Quarterly 90 - Not PPS	02/09/2020
Smith, Megan Joy	Quarterly 180 - Not PPS	05/09/2020
Spears, Britney	Admission - Not PPS (5 day)	01/07/2020
Spears, Britney	Quarterly 90 - Not PPS	04/06/2020
Spears, Britney	Not OBRA - Not PPS (PPS Discharge)	04/09/2020
Spears, Britney	Not OBRA - Not PPS (5 day)	04/10/2020

MDS in ECS

MDS assessments for Medicare Replacement/Insurance are always indicated with parentheses. When looking at a list of assessments, they can be easily identified in this way.

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Have an area of ECS you would like to learn more about? Let us know and we will cover it in future Newsletters.

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You & Your Residents

DIABETES ALERT DAY

March 26th, 2021

"Diabetes Alert Day is a one-day 'wake-up call' that focuses on the seriousness of diabetes and the importance of understanding your risk. We encourage you to find out if you – or someone you love – is at risk for type 2 diabetes by taking this quick and simple risk test."

[Take Risk Test](#)

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.



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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 with your facility's name, location, and a short blurb to be the feature photo at the top of the next Monthly Newsletter.

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