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# ECS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The latest in ECS News, Technology, & Company Updates

*Welcome 2021*

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### What's Covered?

**-Webinar Dates:** *Tuesday, January 19th (12:00pm- 1:00pm CST) AND Thursday, January 21st (1:00pm-2:00pm CST)*
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## Upcoming Webinars

### Lunch & Learn: MDS 101

**Session Date:** Tuesday, January 19th (12:00pm-1:00pm CST)

**SIGN UP TODAY**

### Take Aim and Pull the Trigger on Better Documentation

**Session Date:** Thursday, January 21st (1:00pm-2:00pm CST)

**SIGN UP TODAY**

## How to Chart with the COVID-19 Vaccine Setups in ECS

To prepare your staff for the COVID-19 vaccination, American Data has provided an instructional video and documentation. These materials can be used to guide staff how to chart when they administer the vaccine in the facility vs. how to chart when it is provided by a third party.

To access these materials, please log on to the Client Sign On and locate the **Videos** Tab > **Training Videos** > **Clinical** category > **Nursing** subcategory > **COVID-19 Vaccination Charting**.

**LOG ON**

## Don't have the COVID Vaccine Setups in ECS?

COVID-19 vaccine distribution has begun and American Data is ready to complete setups in ECS to accommodate this. Whether you need to chart and bill for the SARS-CoV-2 vaccines to be administered at your facility, or document it was received out of the facility, we are available to get these words into your ECS database.

**If you haven't already**, contact our Clinical Department via email at **clinical@american-data.com** to be added to the list for these setups. Please include in your email if you'd like these words linked to your ECS Accounts Receivable module as well.

These setups are billable at $90/hour. We anticipate the clinical setups taking 30 minutes and the AR setups taking 1 hour.

**CONTACT US**



## Year End Financial Reminders

Please download the documents below to review the reminders. For further questions contact our Financial Department via email at **financial@american-data.com**.

| **Financial Year End Reminders 2020** | **Finding MPPR Rates - 2021** |
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Prior to doing any financial transactions for 2021, there are some items you will want to address within ECS.

Each year, along with the fee schedules, there are additional rates that need to be updated in ECS to calculate the MPPR correctly.

**For full details**, please view the document **Financial Year End Reminders 2020.pdf**, or click the "get document" button below to download.

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ENABLE PDPM
ON OBRA ASSESSMENTS

## Michigan Facilities- Enable PDPM on OBRA Assessments

This is a reminder to all Michigan facilities that as of 1/1/2021, your state now requires PDPM HIPPS Codes be calculated on all OBRA MDS Assessments.

This feature **must** be enabled in ECS to work. To enable this feature, navigate to:
*American Data – ECS > Setup > Settings > Site*.

Utilize the dropdown in the upper left hand corner to ensure you have the correct Site selected. Click the MDS tab. Place a checkmark in "Calculate PDPM for OBRA."

To learn more information regarding this change, login to our Client Sign On and navigate to the **Videos** > **Past Webinars** page. Then watch our "Don't be Spooked by MDS October Changes" video.

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American Data
Cloud Hosting

## American Data Cloud Hosting

As many of our clients continue to have staff work from home, accessing ECS remotely has become routine. Although self-hosted installations of ECS can be accessed remotely through assistance from your Network Administrator, those clients hosted through American Data Cloud have this capability included with no additional help needed from a client's IT support. Not only

has American Data's Cloud Hosting option allowed for an easy transition to a work-from-home environment for our clients, but it's multi-level safeguards and secure data backup protect your facility from ransomware attacks and other malware. American Data's Cloud Solution provides clients a cloud-hosted solution for ECS10 that is simpler to manage than on-site hosting of a client's own server(s). American Data Cloud also offers a single point of contact for all your hosting and application support needs, as well as the convenience of accessing ECS from anywhere through a remote connection. Most importantly, American Data's Cloud Hosting is **not** Multi-Tentant, meaning our clients have their own personal database and, therefore, complete control over who has access to the facility's medical records. If you would like to get American Data Cloud Hosting set up, contact our technical department at **tech@american-data.com**.

**GET MORE INFO**

## You & Your Residents



Donate Blood

January is National Blood Donor Month

Find a Blood Drive Near You
https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive



SUBMIT A PHOTO!

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

## Deficiency-Free Survey Awards



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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.**
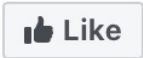
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Saturday & Sunday: Closed

**For immediate assistance after regular business hours, call 1-608-438-7505.**

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