

Troubleshooting PPS MDS Assessments in ECS

Assessment Type	Purpose	Required	Combine with Other MDS?	Effective Date
PPS 5 Day	Start Payment	Yes	Yes	A2400B or A2400B Repl.
IPA	Increase Payment	No - Optional. May complete none or several during a stay.	No	A2300 - Assessment Reference Date
PPS Part A Discharge	End Payment	Yes	Yes	A2400C + 1

Examples of Assessment Names & Combinations:

Replacement assessments are indicated in (parenthesis).

- Admission - PPS 5 - Day
- Not OBRA - PPS 5 - Day
- Significant Change - PPS 5 - Day
- Quarterly - PPS 5 - Day
- Not OBRA - Not PPS (PPS 5 - Day)
- Admission - PPS 5 - Day - DC-RA - PPS DC
- Not OBRA - IPA
- Not OBRA - DC-RNA - PPS DC
- Admission - Not PPS (PPS 5 Day)
- Combined PPS 5 Day and PPS Part A Discharge Assessments both start and end payment.
- **Correction Assessments** - can be created for previously completed assessments. Correction assessments REPLACE the original assessment; the original is no longer taken into consideration.
- In the state of WI, Medicare Replacement assessments may no longer be combined with OBRA.

Troubleshooting

- **Assessment is not showing on the PDPM Analyzer**
 - Assessment is a straight Medicare assessment, but A2400 is answered as "No."
 - Assessment is for Medicare Replacement or Insurance Billing purposes, but A2400 is answered as "Yes."

- Assessment is for Medicare Replacement or Insurance Billing purposes, but A2400 is answered as “No” and the A2400 is Section Z is coded as “No.”
- Always keep a close eye on your dates in A2400 or A2400 located in Section Z (on Medicare Replacement assessments).
- **Payment does not start on the first covered day** - Check the PPS 5 - Day assessment, A2400B.
- **Payment does not end on appropriate date** - Check PPS Discharge assessment for A2400C.
 - These assessments are required on Medicare Replacement/Insurance Billing residents (for ECS purposes). You will need to back track and complete these for any residents who came off Medicare Replacement/Insurance billing in October. Complete these moving forward as well. You do not need to fill out the entire assessment if not required by the insurance plan. Simply skip any fatal errors on sections you are choosing to skip.
- All **CMS technical specifications** (what ECS programs based on), can be found here: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/NHOIMDS30TechnicalInformation.html>
- All **PDPM technical information** can be found here: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/SNFPPS/PDPM.html>. This includes the PDPM ICD-10 Mappings, which are located on the bottom of the page.