

October 2023 MDS and Documentation Changes

What Changes Are Coming?

SPADEs - Standardize Patient Assessment Data Elements

- The Improving Medicare Post -Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014 (IMPACT Act) required CMS to develop, implement, and maintain these standardized data elements for post-acute care settings, such as long-term care and skilled nursing facilities.
- The data which is gathered is in 6 areas:
 - Ethnicity
 - Race
 - Language
 - Transportation
 - Health Literacy
 - Social Isolation
- Ethnicity - A1005 and Race - A1010
 - These items have been added to section "A" of the MDS
 - They replace A1000 and expand the possible responses.
 - Continue to document these in ECS in Face Sheet > Personal Information
- Language - A1110A/A1110B
 - New item IDs assigned, but documentation is unchanged.
 - Continue to document these in ECS in Face Sheet > Personal Information
- Transportation - A1250
 - Document in the new "Discharge Goals/Care Conference" topic, located in the Department Notes section of ECS.
- Health Literacy - B1300
 - Document in the new "Discharge Goals/Care Conference" topic, located in the Department Notes section of ECS.
- Social Isolation - D0700
 - New item accompanying the Mood/PHQ assessment on the MDS
 - Document in the Mood/PHQ assessment in ECS.

Changes to MDS Items

Section A

- Entered From - A1805 and Discharge Status - A2105
 - New items to expand upon and replace A1800/A2100
 - Continue to document these in the Face Sheet > Status topic

- Provision of Current Reconciled Medication List to Subsequent Provider at Discharge - A2121
 - New item added to meet requirements of SNF Quality Reporting program Transfer of Health Information Measures
 - Document in the Nursing > LOA/Rm Change/DC/Transfer topic
- Provision of Current Reconciled Medication List to Resident at Discharge - A2123
 - New item added to meet requirements of SNF Quality Reporting program Transfer of Health Information Measures
 - Document in the Nursing > LOA/Rm Change/DC/Transfer topic

Section D

- Resident Mood Interview - D0150 to D0600
 - Interview questions remain the same, however, the way they are completed has changed:
 - For states with OSA: Continue to complete the mood assessment as it is currently. These items did not change on the OSA.
 - For states without OSA: This assessment is now abbreviated to only items A and B, if neither of those responses is a 2 or 3.
 - Continue to document this in the Assessments > PHQ 2 to 9 topic.

Section G

- ADLs - All Section G items
 - These items have been removed from PPS and OBRA assessments.
 - There are 4 ADLs that remain on the OSA assessment type
 - Bed Mobility
 - Transfers
 - Eating
 - Toilet Use
 - These will be documented in new ADL topics in the CNA section for states which require OSA assessments.

Section GG

- Functional limitation in Range of Motion - GG0115, Mobility Devices - GG0120
 - These items have been moved from section "G" to "GG" with no changes to the items themselves.
 - Both are documented in the Nursing > NH Admission Note Topic
- Self-Care - GG0130, Mobility - GG0170
 - There are 2 new items here and several others have been rearranged.
 - Tub/Shower Transfer
 - Personal Hygiene
 - The Interim section has been expanded and renamed OBRA/Interim. This section is now completed for all IPA and non-admission OBRA assessments. Continue to document this information in the Functional

Abilities or CNA Self-Care, Transfer, and Mobility topics. It will be pulled to the MDS based on the type of assessment and lookback period.

- Nurses and Therapists will document in the new Assessments > Functional Ability/Goals (GGv4) topic.
 - The MDS inputs have been enhanced to work with the new lookback periods. Therefore, separate sets of words are no longer needed for admission, interim, and discharge sections in this topic.
 - CNAs also have new topics for Self-Care, Transfers, and Mobility, which are separate for each shift.
 - CNA topics do not contain the following items, and they are only found in the nursing assessment for Functional Abilities:
 - Car transfer
 - Walking 10 feet on an uneven surface
 - 1 step (curb)
 - 4 steps
 - 12 steps
 - Picking up object
 - Bathing - GG0130E, and Tub/Shower Transfer - GG0130FF
 - These items are now in a separate Bathing topic for CNAs
 - Section GG MDS inputs now include information from both nursing/therapy and CNA topics. A formula for “most used” is applied and ECS will highlight the appropriate response when the collect feature is used. The MDS coordinator may click on the item number while completing the assessment to review the documentation.

Section J

- Pain Frequency - J0410
 - New Item Number has been assigned, but the item itself and documentation is unchanged.
- Pain Effect on Sleep - J0510
 - Responses updated from Yes/No to more specific frequency options.
 - Continue to document in Assessments > Pain
 - Cue cards have been added to the pain assessment topic in ECS for the Verbal and 0-10 pain scales.
- Pain Interference with Therapy Activities - J0520
 - Document in Assessments > Pain
- Pain Interference with Day-to-Day Activities - J0530
 - Responses updated from Yes/No to more specific frequency options.
 - Continue to document in Assessments > Pain

Section K

- Nutritional Approaches - K0520

- The question remains the same, with new time frames added for “On Admission” and “At Discharge.”
- Continue to document in the Department Notes > Dietary Assessment topic.

Section N

- High-Risk Drug Classes: Use and Indication
 - Two new drug classes added. These will pull from sign tasks as the previously existing classes do.
 - Antiplatelet
 - Hypoglycemic (including insulin)
 - The MDS nurse can review medication orders to verify indications by clicking on the item number while completing the MDS.

Section O

- Special Treatments, Procedures, and Programs
 - Several new categories and sub-categories added, as well as an option for “None of the above.”
 - Document these in the new Department Notes > Care Conference/Discharge Goals topic.

Section Q:

- Participation in Assessment and Goal Setting - Q0110
 - These are now checkboxes and more than one can be chosen.
 - Document in the Department Notes > Care Conference/Discharge Goals Topic.
- Has a referral been made to the Local Contact Agency (LCA) - Q0610, Reason Referral to Local Contact Agency (LCA) Not Made - Q0620
 - Item made more specific
 - Document in the Department Notes > Care Conference/Discharge Goals Topic.

Changes to RAI Manual/Coding

- In addition to the above item changes, CMS has made a multitude of changes to throughout the manual. Please utilize the RAI manual and other resources available on the CMS website for education and training regarding these changes.

Resources

- The CMS Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Training website offers multiple resources to assist with coding the MDS.
- <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Skilled-Nursing-Facility-Quality-Reporting-Program/SNF-Quality-Reporting-Program-Training>.

Next Steps

- Start thinking about what your workflow will look like after October.



- Find out if your state intends to make any changes in the way that it reimburses your facility.
- Fill out the pre-setup questionnaire and let us know how we can best fit your workflow. <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/6ad22f73dbcb4bc897d6985b278afc26>
- Watch your newsletters for information on how/when to get these enhancements, as well as training materials and handouts to accompany them.