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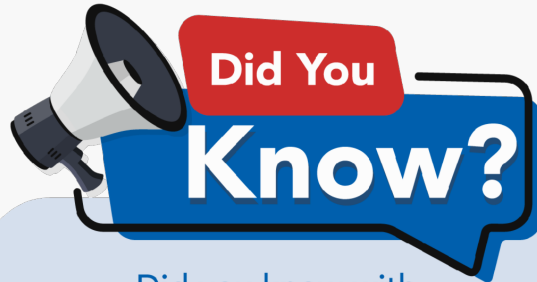
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Upcoming Webinars



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TODAY

ECS Updates and Industry News

New & Notable Clinical Features

Changes to Correction Assessments

What's affected?

Effective October 1, 2024, assessments that are sent to CMS erroneously may need to be manually deleted rather than inactivated. The 4 circumstances that require manual deletion are:

1. The facility is neither Medicare nor Medicaid certified. Assessments may be required by the state but should not be submitted to CMS.
2. The record was submitted for the resident under the wrong facility.
3. Assessment is for Medicare Replacement purposes and not Medicare A.
 - a. Combination assessments where part of the assessment is valid and there would not be a change in item set are not affected by this change. For example, a combined Admission 5-Day assessment could be modified following the current procedure to remove an erroneous 5-Day piece, because the combination and the stand-alone admission both use a comprehensive (NC) item set. Whereas a stand-alone 5-day is an NP item set and would change to no item set when

removed, so it would need manual deletion.

4. A test assessment for a fake resident is inadvertently submitted.

What action do I need to take?

Steps for completing the manual deletion procedure for CMS are available in Chapter 5 of the RAI manual. If an assessment is erroneously submitted to ECS, it can be deleted from the MDS Manager screen or by selecting "American Data – ECS > Write > MDS 3.0 Assessment > Delete."

MDS 3.0 RAI Manual

Vaccine

Flu Vaccine

We are entering flu season and CMS has issued new vaccines/vaccine HCPCS effective 08/01/2024. Once you know what vaccine your pharmacy will provide, please make sure to update ECS with the appropriate vaccine name, HCPCS, and rate. This setup should be completed prior to administering the flu vaccines so nurses can chart appropriately. If you need assistance with adding a new vaccine, please contact American Data by emailing cares@american-data.com.

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PPS PDPM Rate Changes

PPS PDPM Rate Changes Effective 10/01/2024

If you use the ECS Accounts Receivable module or just the PPS PDPM Analyzer to calculate reimbursement, you must **enter the new rates prior to billing October dates of service in ECS**. Rates can be entered prior to October 1 as well. Click the link below for instructions on updating the PPS PDPM Rates.

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Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable & General Ledger

Do you need to see American Data's Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, and/or General Ledger modules? The benefits of having one integrated system are priceless. View a presentation on the Client Sign On portion of our website or reach out to financial@american-data.com to discuss.

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Tracking Data with Timeless Accuracy

ECS resembles your grandfather's watch, passed down from generation to generation. This watch continues to measure the passage of time. With ECS, time is every moment you document continually tracking and providing real-time information. American Data began their journey in 1984, creating and enhancing state-of-the-art medical and financial software offering 24/7 Wisconsin-based support for anyone seeking a reliable software company, that tracks all your needs and wants. Industry standards are considered and followed with all development and training providing real-time functional software for ALL!

ECS (American Data's Electronic Chart System) can be poetically described as a design pattern used to manage and organize complex charting. Just as a grandfather's watch measures a specific moment in time with precision, ECS records the state and behavior of the operations you're responsible for at every moment.

In ECS, the focus is on coordinating data which helps in managing and processing operations more efficiently. Like a watch, this coordination can be seen in how a watch's intricate gears and mode of action work together to keep accurate time, with each part playing a crucial role in the overall function of the watch and your business.

The result is the time on the watch and the outcome in ECS charting is the accuracy of data representation.

Precision ensures that data points are organized with exact values, which allows for a clear and accurate visualization of trends and patterns. This is crucial for making reliable predictions or decisions based on the chart.

Granularity and high accuracy in charting mean that even small variations in data are recorded and displayed. This level of detail can help identify subtle trends that might be missed with less precise charting.

Error Minimization and precise charting reduce the risk of errors or misinterpretation with more reliable insights.

Data Analysis, analysts can zoom in on a specific date range, examine minute details, and draw more accurate conclusions.

Decision Making, precision charting is critical for making informed decisions. Accurate charts can reveal trends and signals that suggest strategic choices.

Communication, precise charts can effectively communicate complex data to everyone.

Overall, precision in charting enhances the reliability and usefulness of the data, making it a powerful tool for decision-making and care!



FEEDBACK REQUEST



Feedback Request: Help Us Improve Our ECS Software!

We are constantly striving to improve our ECS software to better meet your staff and facility's needs. We would love to hear any feedback or concerns you may have encountered while using our software. Additionally, if you have any enhancements or features you would like to see, please don't hesitate to let us know. Your input is extremely valuable to us and we look forward to hearing from you!

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NEW DISCUSSIONS



ECS User Forum Discussion Threads:

Current Solutions

If you have ever wondered, "Is American Data aware?" when running into a concern with the latest version of ECS, now you can confirm for yourself! Join our Solutions discussion thread on our ECS User Forum. Follow the Smartsheet in the comments to view the real-time progress of known concerns in ECS, discover temporary solutions, and be aware of estimated repair dates.

What's New & Upcoming

If you are ever curious about upcoming enhancements in the next update, you can now be one of the first to know! Join our new "What's New and Upcoming in ECS?" discussion thread on our ECS User Forum. Follow the Smartsheet in the comments to view a list of enhancements. Additionally, you can find a link to our ECS Wish List. We want to hear your software suggestions!

How do I find the discussion threads?

1. Log into the [Client Sign On](#).
2. Locate the *ECS User Forum* under the *User* tab.
3. Click on *Sign In with American Data User* in the right-hand corner .

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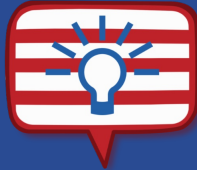
v10.1.8.x Issues & Solutions Client Access Report (View Only)

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<p>MDS</p> <p>4 3847 MDS NCD01 Transmittal as required. Contact Center Support is being provided. This can affect only assessments where NCD01 or NCD02 are marked complete.</p>						

Solutions Client Access Report

View the [smartsheet](#) for the latest information on known concerns, including planned dates of repair, and how you can work around them until then.

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ECS Tip of the Month

Updating MDS Inputs FY2025

CMS has added new items addressing COVID vaccine status and anticonvulsant medications. The items will automatically appear on MDS assessments with Assessment Reference Dates of October 1, 2024 or later. However, some setup is required to use the "Collect" feature for these new items and should be completed after your facility has applied the fall (v10.2.2.0) update. View the document below for step-by-step instructions.

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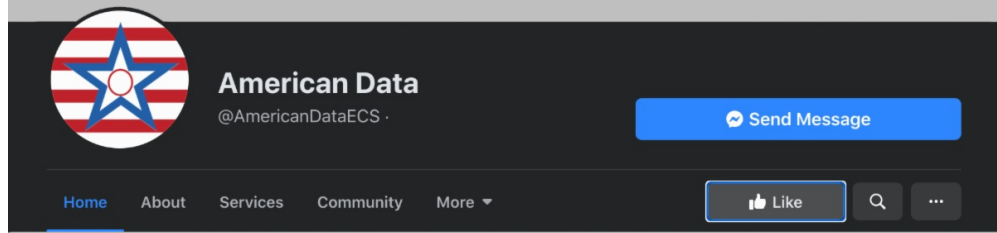
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