

Updating MDS Inputs for FY2025

What changes are needed?

For FY2025, effective on 10/01/2024, CMS has added new items to the MDS:

1. O0350 - COVID vaccine status
2. N0415K1 - Anticonvulsant, Is Taking
3. N0415K2 - Anticonvulsant, Indication Noted

To update MDS Inputs:

Accessing MDS Setup - All Items

1. Start by Clicking the American Data - ECS drop down menu in the upper left corner of your screen.
2. Then choose Setup > MDS 3.0 > Questions

Choosing the Correct Item to Edit - All Items

- a. Check the version number in the upper left corner of the MDS Setup Screen. It should read: 3.02 for fiscal year 2025, beginning on 10/01/2024.
- b. Select the Input tab near the top of screen.
- c. In the drop-down menu at the top of the screen, scroll or type the first few characters of the item number to get to the item that you are looking to update.

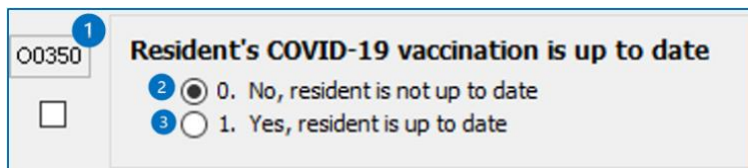


Figure 2: MDS item, labeled to correlate with MDS question setup.

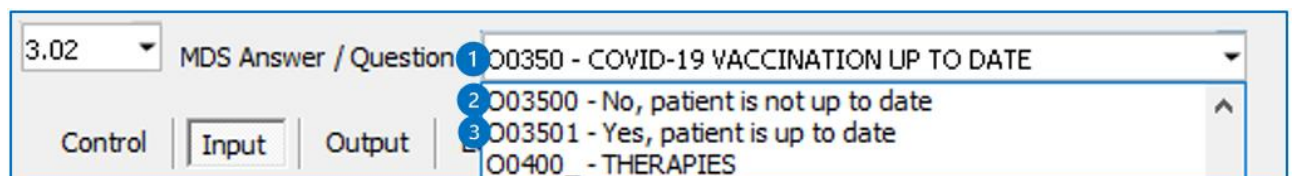


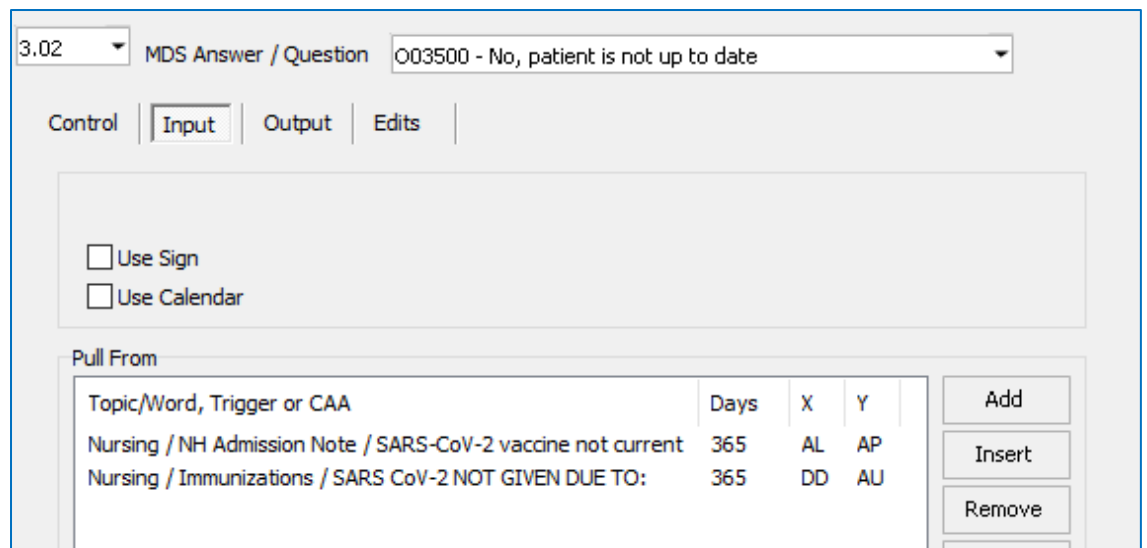
Figure 1: MDS Question Setup box, labeled to correlate with MDS items.

- d. To select the correct item, keep these general rules in mind:

- e. The ALL CAPS line controls what you see when you click on the item number in the assessment. This is the view screen that opens up to display supporting documentation.
- f. The lower case titles that have an “extra” character control what response is highlighted when using the collect feature. The “extra” character at the end identifies which response it is controlling.

Setting up Collect for O0350

1. Once you have selected the correct Item, use the large box labeled “Pull From” to tell ECS where your facility documents the information that should trigger a blue highlight when “Collect” is used in the MDS.
2. For items that pull directly from charting, use “Add” to navigate to the words in your charting that should trigger the collect highlight. Words will be displayed with the Section/Topic/Word format.
 - a. For example, item O0350, response 0. No, patient is not up to date may look like the following. With this setup, when “collect” is used on the MDS, a blue highlight will show up to indicate that this is the recommended response if “SARS-COV-2 vaccine not current” is documented in the resident’s admission note during the year prior to the ARD of the assessment being collected. It will also look in the resident’s “Immunizations” topic for any instances of the vaccine not being given during the same time period. This is the typical setup for users with the New Nursing Module. If your facility uses “Nurse Charting,” you will select the words in Nurse Charting/Immunizations that your users select then documenting about the COVID vaccine.



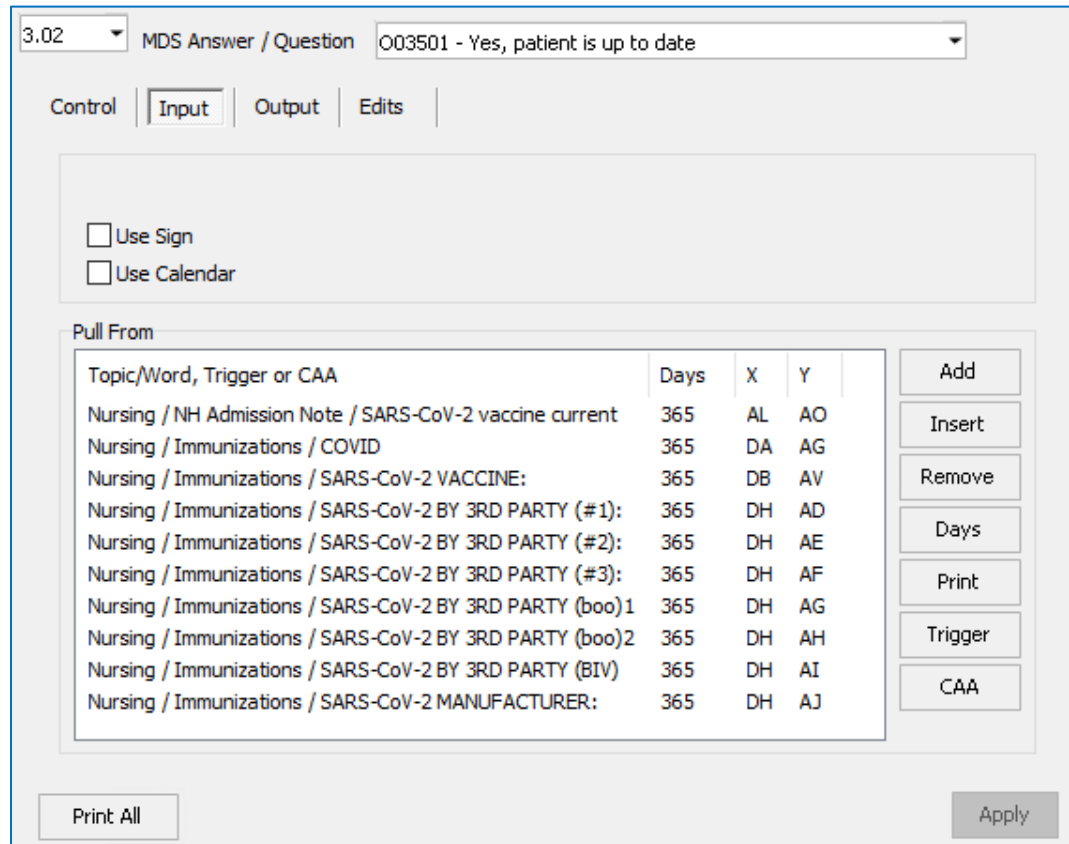
The screenshot shows the MDS software interface for item O0350. The 'MDS Answer / Question' dropdown is set to 'O03500 - No, patient is not up to date'. Below this are tabs for 'Control', 'Input', 'Output', and 'Edits'. There are checkboxes for 'Use Sign' and 'Use Calendar'. The 'Pull From' section contains a table with the following data:

Topic/Word, Trigger or CAA	Days	X	Y
Nursing / NH Admission Note / SARS-CoV-2 vaccine not current	365	AL	AP
Nursing / Immunizations / SARS CoV-2 NOT GIVEN DUE TO:	365	DD	AU

Buttons for 'Add', 'Insert', and 'Remove' are visible to the right of the table.

- b.
- c. Complete this setup for O03501 using the words that your users document when the COVID vaccine IS given.

- d. The definition of “Vaccine up to Date” has changed several times and is likely to change again. In my setups, I have chosen to include all words indicating that a COVID vaccine was given so that the user completing the assessment can use their judgement to determine if the resident meets the CDC definition of “up to date”. Your setups will depend on your workflow.



3.02 MDS Answer / Question 003501 - Yes, patient is up to date

Control | **Input** | Output | Edits

Use Sign
 Use Calendar

Pull From

Topic/Word, Trigger or CAA	Days	X	Y
Nursing / NH Admission Note / SARS-CoV-2 vaccine current	365	AL	AO
Nursing / Immunizations / COVID	365	DA	AG
Nursing / Immunizations / SARS-CoV-2 VACCINE:	365	DB	AV
Nursing / Immunizations / SARS-CoV-2 BY 3RD PARTY (#1):	365	DH	AD
Nursing / Immunizations / SARS-CoV-2 BY 3RD PARTY (#2):	365	DH	AE
Nursing / Immunizations / SARS-CoV-2 BY 3RD PARTY (#3):	365	DH	AF
Nursing / Immunizations / SARS-CoV-2 BY 3RD PARTY (boo)1	365	DH	AG
Nursing / Immunizations / SARS-CoV-2 BY 3RD PARTY (boo)2	365	DH	AH
Nursing / Immunizations / SARS-CoV-2 BY 3RD PARTY (BIV)	365	DH	AI
Nursing / Immunizations / SARS-CoV-2 MANUFACTURER:	365	DH	AJ

Buttons: Add, Insert, Remove, Days, Print, Trigger, CAA

Print All Apply

e.

Setting up the “Supporting Documentation” for O0350

1. “Supporting Documentation” is what you see when you click on the item number in the MDS. It is controlled by the ALL CAPS items in the MDS Answer/Question drop-down menu.
2. Select the Supporting Documentation item for the COVID vaccine as indicated by ALL CAPS in the item number. It is “O0350 - COVID-19 VACCINATION UP TO DATE”.

3.02 MDS Answer / Question O0350 - COVID-19 VACCINATION UP TO DATE

Control **Input** Output Edits

Use Sign
 Use Calendar

Pull From

Topic/Word, Trigger or CAA	Days	X	Y	
Nursing / NH Admission Note / SARS-CoV-2 vaccine current	365	AL	AO	
Nursing / NH Admission Note / SARS-CoV-2 vaccine not current	365	AL	AP	
Nursing / NH Admission Note / SARS-CoV-2 status unknown	365	AL	AQ	
Nursing / Immunizations / COVID	365	DA	AG	
Nursing / Immunizations / SARS-CoV-2 VACCINE:	365	DB	AV	
Nursing / Immunizations / SARS CoV-2 NOT GIVEN DUE TO:	365	DD	AU	
Nursing / Immunizations / SARS-CoV-2 BY 3RD PARTY (#1):	365	DH	AD	
Nursing / Immunizations / SARS-CoV-2 BY 3RD PARTY (#2):	365	DH	AE	
Nursing / Immunizations / SARS-CoV-2 BY 3RD PARTY (#3):	365	DH	AF	
Nursing / Immunizations / SARS-CoV-2 BY 3RD PARTY (hoo)1	365	DH	AG	

Print All Apply

- 3.
- Words that you have chosen for “collect,” will automatically appear in the *Pull From* box for “Supporting Documentation.”
 - You can also add any additional information here that you would want to see for completing the assessment. For example,
 - SARS-CoV-2 vaccine current - included in the collect setup for O03501 and shows up here automatically.
 - SARS-CoV-2 vaccine not current - included in the collect setup for O03501 and shows up here automatically.
 - SARS-CoV-2 vaccine status unknown - This is not included in the collect setup for either response, but I have chosen to add it to the supporting documentation manually because that is valuable information for the person completing the assessment and including it here makes it easy for them to find.

3.02 MDS Answer / Question O0350 - COVID-19 VACCINATION UP TO DATE

Control | **Input** | Output | Edits

Use Sign
 Use Calendar

Pull From

Topic/Word, Trigger or CAA	Days	X	Y	
Nursing / NH Admission Note / SARS-CoV-2 vaccine current		AL	AO	
Nursing / NH Admission Note / SARS-CoV-2 vaccine not current	365	AL	AP	
Nursing / NH Admission Note / SARS-CoV-2 status unknown		AL	AQ	
Nursing / Immunizations / COVID		DA	AG	
Nursing / Immunizations / SARS-CoV-2 VACCINE:		DB	AV	
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Nursing / Immunizations / SARS-CoV-2 BY 3RD PARTY (#2):		DH	AE	
Nursing / Immunizations / SARS-CoV-2 BY 3RD PARTY (#3):		DH	AF	
Nursing / Immunizations / SARS-CoV-2 BY 3RD PARTY (hoo)1		DH	AG	

Buttons: Add, Insert, Remove, Days, Print, Trigger, CAA

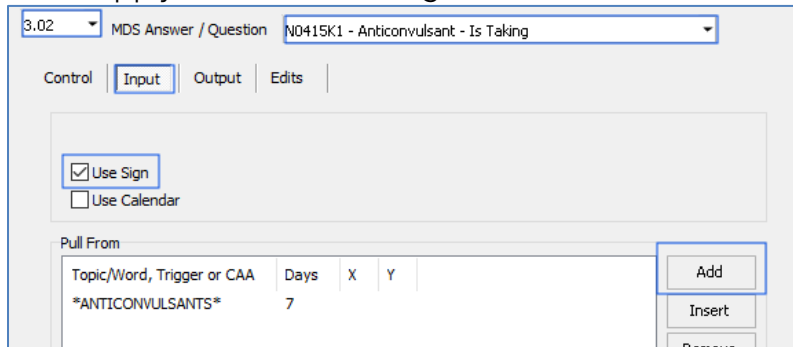
Print All Apply

- Once you have made your changes, click "Apply" to save them. If you try to move to a different item without saving, you will be prompted to do so.

Setting up Collect for N0415K1

- Go to MDS Question Setup as above and use the drop-down menu to select, "N0415K1 -Anticonvulsant - Is Taking" and select the "input" tab.
- Go to "Add" and select your Physician Orders Section and Medication Topic.
- Locate the "Drugs" word in the Medication Topic and double-click to see the Medi-Span words appear beneath it.
- Scroll to the "anticonvulsants" word, click on it to select it, and then click "OK."
- Click "Days" and set select 7 days for the lookback period.
- Place a check in the box for "Use Sign" which is located just above the *Pull From* box. This tells the program to look for the medication(s) in sign tasks and only trigger if the medication has been administered in the past 7 days. For example, a prn anticonvulsant that has not been signed off on the MAR in the past 7 days will not show up.

- Click "Apply" to save the change.



3.02 MDS Answer / Question N0415K1 - Anticonvulsant - Is Taking

Control **Input** Output Edits

Use Sign
 Use Calendar

Pull From

Topic/Word, Trigger or CAA	Days	X	Y
ANTICONVULSANTS	7		

Add
Insert
Remove

Setting up Collect for N0415K2

COMPLETE AFTER APPLYING THE 10.2.2.0 UPDATE

- Go to MDS Question Setup as above and use the drop-down menu to select, "N0415K2 -Anticonvulsant - Indication noted" and select the "input" tab.
- Select "Trigger" from the options to the right of the *Pull From* box.
- Scroll to the trigger labeled "*MDS 3.0 Trigger - N0415K2 (Anticonvulsant Ind)"
- Select it and click "OK"

Setting up Supporting Documentation for N0415K

- Go to MDS Question Setup as above and use the drop-down menu to select, "N0415K -ANTICONVULSANT" and select the "input" tab.
- If you have already set up Collect for N0415K1, you will see "ANTICONVULSANTS" already in the *Pull From* box, with "7" under the *days* column.
- Click Days and arrow down until there is "-1" in the box and click ok so that there is nothing listed in the "days" column. This lets it show us all active anticonvulsant orders regardless of when they were put in, as opposed to only wanting a blue collect highlight to appear if the medication was signed off on in the past 7 days.