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“This is I.T.” Newsletter

Info and Tips from the MDS-WA Office—**Clinical stuff,
Computer stuff, Reports ‘n stuff, and other STUFF!**

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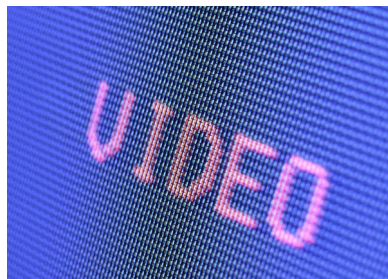
Discharge Assessments and the Use of Dashes



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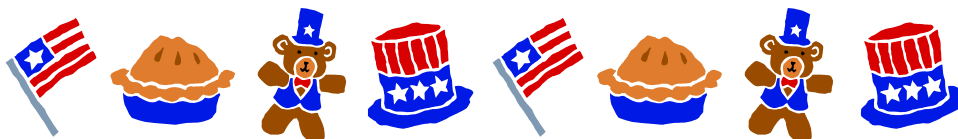
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CMS has created a video that is available on YouTube at: <http://youtu.be/Qkn22jv2HSY>. Discharge Assessments and the Use of Dashes are addressed in the new MDS 3.0 Provider Update Training Series. This training series is the first web-based training offered in 2013 to providers addressing post-acute care topics. Video No. 1 covers MDS 3.0 updates for the Nursing Home setting. It includes a CMS Introduction, a panel presentation explaining what the MDS 3.0 RAI Manual and the MDS 3.0 Assessment Instrument are, and includes two training topics. The first training topic focuses on the discharge assessments, and the second topic explains how to properly code with dashes.

Access to MDS/CASPER

Each facility should have at least 2 people with access to MDS. To add new people, go to <https://www.qtso.com/>. On the right hand side of the web page is Access Request Information. To get access to MDS you will need to fill out a form at the CMSNet link and at the MDS link. On the CMS link page go to MDS and choose MDS Individual User Account Request. The form has instructions on how/where to submit the completed form. On the MDS link page go to the MDS Individual User Account Request or, if you are at a corporate office, the Corporate Access Request. Also, please remember to submit a form if you are removing someone's access.



Error in Current RAI Manual



In the May 2013 update of the *Long Term Care Facility Resident Assessment Instrument User's Manual, Version 3.0 (v1.10)* (*RAI User's Manual, v1.10*), Chapter 5, Section 5.2 Timeliness Criteria was revised to delineate completion times for Admission assessments as well as all other OBRA- and PPS-required assessments. In the course of this update, the MDS Completion Date for the Admission assessment was erroneously noted on page 5-2 as "must be no later than 13 days after the Assessment Reference Date (ARD) (A2300)" rather than indicating that the completion must be no more than 13 days after the Entry Date (A1600). The Admission assessment timing is accurately reflected in Chapter 2 of the *RAI User's Manual*, including on page 2-19 where it states the following:

- Since a day begins at 12:00 a.m. and ends at 11:59 p.m., the actual date of admission, regardless of whether admission occurs at 12:00 am or 11:59 pm, is considered day "1" of admission.
- The ARD (Item A2300) must be set no later than day 14, counting the date of admission as day 1. Since a day begins at 12:00 a.m. and ends at 11:59 p.m., the ARD must also cover this time period. For example, if a resident is admitted at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday (day 1), a completed RAI is required by the end of the day Tuesday (day 14).
- Federal statute and regulations require that residents are assessed promptly upon admission (but no later than day 14) and the results are used in planning and providing appropriate care to attain or maintain the highest practicable well-being. This means it is imperative for nursing homes to assess a resident upon the individual's admission. The IDT may choose to start and complete the Admission comprehensive assessment at any time prior to the end of day 14. Nursing homes may find early completion of the MDS and CAA(s) beneficial to providing appropriate care, particularly for individuals with short lengths of stay when the assessment and care planning process is often accelerated.
- The MDS completion date (Item Z0500B) must be no later than day 14. This date may be earlier than or the same as the CAA(s) completion date, but not later than.
- The CAA(s) completion date (Item V0200B2) must be no later than day 14.
- The care plan completion date (Item V0200C2) must be no later than 7 calendar days after the CAA(s) completion date (Item V0200B2) (CAA(s) completion date + 7 calendar days).

Page 5-2 will be corrected in Version 1.11 of the *RAI User's Manual* (to be released later this year) in which it will state "for the Admission assessment, the MDS Completion Date (Z0500B) must be no later than 13 days after the Entry Date (A1600)."

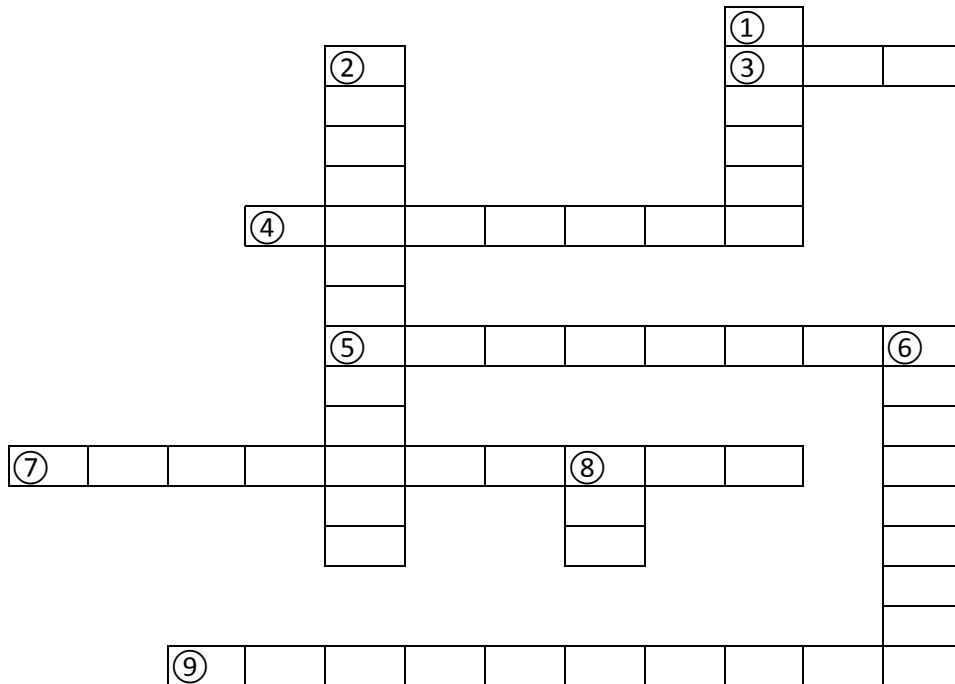
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MDS Terminology Crossword Puzzle



Across

3	The last day of the observation period that an assessment covers
4	Entry or Death In Facility
5	Not appearing
7	Transmission of an MDS
9	To move an MDS from active to history

Down

1	Where you would get an MDS report
2	Admission, Annual, SCSA and SCPA
6	Appearing to be more than one
8	A group of clinicians from several medical fields providing care

Answers on Page 4

NH web sites in WA

NH Rates web page

<http://www.adsa.dshs.wa.gov/professional/rates/>

MDS Automation web page

<http://www.adsa.dshs.wa.gov/Professional/MDS/Automation/>

NH Rates and Reports

<http://www.adsa.dshs.wa.gov/professional/rates/reports/>

Info for NH Professionals

<http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/professional/nh.htm>

Case Mix web page

<http://www.adsa.dshs.wa.gov/professional/CaseMix/>

MDS Clinical web page

<http://www.adsa.dshs.wa.gov/Professional/MDS/Clinical/>



