



OKLAHOMA

State Department of Health

OASIS Updates

May 8, 2020

OASIS-E Delayed

Based on the CMS Interim Final Rule announced on April 30, 2020, the implementation of OASIS-E has been delayed. CMS made this decision to help ease the burden on home health agencies (HHA) of having to learn and implement a new version of the OASIS item set. CMS indicates this delay will enable you to continue using the current version of the OASIS instrument, and allow you to focus on caring for your patients.

HHAs will be required to use OASIS-E beginning on January 1st of the year that is at least 1 full calendar year after the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency. This means the earliest you may be required to start using OASIS-E would be January 1, 2022.

CMS Flexibilities to Fight COVID-19

CMS has implemented numerous temporary waivers and new rules since the beginning of the public health emergency.

On April 29, 2020, CMS posted a notification regarding temporary waivers that may include revised information you are not aware of. Please refer to CMS COVID-19 notification for complete information at: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-home-health-agencies.pdf>

Be sure to check with the Home Health Survey Division regarding any questions related to the waivers included in the CMS document above. State guidelines may differ from the federal guidance.

IQIES Submission Issue

Some HHA users who use the iQIES user tool to create and submit their OASIS assessments were having their claims Returned to the Provider (RTP) for FISS reason code 37253 for claims

submitted between January and April 2020. An issue was identified with the storage of the MBI in the iQIES database which impacted the claims match process. **The issue has been corrected.**

If you are encountering this issue, please resubmit the affected claims to Palmetto GBA. For provider inquiries, please call (855) 696-0705.

Do you have MDS or OASIS questions?
Contact the QIES Help Desk at (405) 271-5278
MDShelp@health.ok.gov or OASIShelp@health.ok.gov

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