

The LTC Regulations have been finalized and Phase 2 is effective today, 11/28/17. Click [here](#) for a copy of the final version.

The new regulations include updated information related to Resident Assessments and include tags F635 to F661 and it is strongly recommended that MDS Coordinators review the information related to these tags. The **INTENT** and **PROBES** under each regulation will help you understand how a surveyor will be looking at this information. In some of them you will see a section called **DEFICIENCY CATEGORIZATION**, which include **Severity Level** considerations to help you understand the seriousness of potential deficiencies.

Additionally, I have informed you that CMS is reviewing some of the new instruction related to coding the MDS items. We anticipate CMS posting an errata document for the RAI Manual to address some of these issues. As soon as I'm aware it has been posted, I will forward the link to you and/or inform you of updated instruction.

In the meantime, feel free to contact us with any questions related to how the new regulations correlate with the RAI Manual, or any MDS coding questions you may have.

We also wanted to take this time to let you know how much we appreciate all you do in caring for our elderly. You are all a treasure and in borrowing a quote, "Each day you go into work, you are a hero to someone." **Thank you!**

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