

QIES MDS eNewsletter

Oklahoma State Department of Health, QIES Help Desk

This QIES Help Desk eNewsletter brings you information, announcements, and available training.

(Webpage links are in red lettering)

QIES Help Desk Upcoming Training:

- The ***MDS 2-Day Updates and Clinical Coding Guidelines*** training is scheduled for September 20-21, 2018 at Gordon Cooper Technology Center in Shawnee, OK. This training will look at the *NEW* RAI Manual updates, MDS 3.0 clinical coding, State Optional items, Corrections, and a brief overview of CAAs and Care Plans. A copy of the *NEW* RAI Manual will be needed at the training in either printed or electronic format. *This new manual will be released during September; a link to the manual will be provided as soon as it becomes available by CMS. **Registration is now open until September 5, 2018, or until maximum capacity is reached.***

- **SAVE THE DATE!** The ***MDS Quality Assurance/Performance Improvement (QAPI)*** training is scheduled for December 13, 2018 at the Oklahoma City-County Health Department in Oklahoma City, OK. QAPI programs are critical to improving the quality of life, and quality of care and services delivered in nursing homes. Attendees will receive an overview of the PDSA cycle, flow charting, and root cause analysis, which are valuable tools in your QAPI planning process. Additionally, you will learn how to use data from your CASPER reports as indicators to improve resident outcomes and correct potential problem areas. Registration will be open from October 8 – November 19, 2018, or until maximum capacity is reached (seating is limited).

Visit our training website at mdstraining.health.ok.gov!

Other Upcoming Training:

- You are invited to join TMF on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 from 2:00-3:00pm for an open discussion around potentially inappropriate medications in older adults. Bring your ideas and barriers to the discussion. **Registration is required.**

- TMF is providing a webinar on September 6, 2018 from 11:30am - 1:00pm to review the practical approach offered by the Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative for identifying, detecting, providing appropriate treatment and delaying Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) progression in at-risk patients. **Registration is required.**

- The TMF QIN-QIO is hosting four free, in-person conference events throughout Oklahoma between September and November 2018. Each event will address the same topics, allowing participants the opportunity to attend conference dates and sessions that fit their schedule. Attendees will have the opportunity to earn free continuing education credits. **Click here to learn more and to register.**

- **SAVE THE DATE!** The OU Knee Center for Strong Families is presenting *Positive Aging: An Inter-Professional Symposium* on Friday, October 19, 2018 from 9:00am - 4:00pm. This symposium will explore the roles we can each take in embracing older adulthood as it relates to our communities, organizations, community and home-based services, the people we serve as practitioners, and ourselves. This is specifically designed as an inter-professional event and is relevant to a variety of professions, including: nurses, nursing home administrators and assistant certified administrators, assisted living administrators, therapists, social workers, and others interested in positive aging. Cost varies, registration is required, and lunch will be provided. CE credits are available. [Early bird registration ends September 12, 2018.](#)

News to Know:

- The CMS QIES Technical Support Office (QTSO) website is under redesign. Expect to see a new user-centered design and organization in the next few weeks when you visit the QTSO website. The QTSO website is a valuable link to locate forms for new passwords and contains links to the MDS 3.0 and PBJ information. You may need to re-set your bookmark for the new website: <https://qtso.cms.gov/providers/cmsnet-submission-access>

- August is National Immunization Awareness Month. This month is observed to increase awareness about the importance of adult immunization and encourage vaccinations. Click here to learn more: [National Immunization Awareness Month and Immunization Education and Training \(Health Care Professionals\)](#)

- On July 31, 2018, CMS issued the final rule outlining Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Medicare payment updates and quality program changes for skilled nursing facilities (SNFs).

Three major provisions of the final rule include changes to the Prospective Payment System (PPS), the SNF Value-Based Purchasing Program (VBP), and the SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP).

Effective October 1, 2019, CMS will begin using a new case-mix model, the Patient-Driven Payment Model (PDPM), which is designed to improve the incentives to treat the needs of the whole patient.

CMS indicated the PDPM model will focus on clinically relevant factors by using the ICD-10 diagnosis codes and other patient characteristics, such as Section GG, as the basis for patient classification. Therefore, the accuracy of the MDS is critical and continues to play a major role in financial implications for nursing homes.

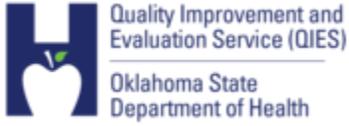
[For further information visit the CMS website.](#)

- On June 21, 2018, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) launched the Data Element Library, a public resource for providers, vendors, researchers, and other stakeholders that use CMS assessments. This webinar recording includes a review of the IMPACT Act, standardization and interoperability, and also provides an overview and demonstration of the CMS Data Element Library. [Click here to be linked to the YouTube webinar recording from July 11, 2018.](#)

- Is your composite score 6 or less? Click on the following links to learn more about the steps, resources, and tools necessary to improve your facility's composite score: [Composite Score flyer](#) (pdf), [Quality Measure Analysis and Improvement](#) (video), [QAPI Video Series](#) (login to TMFQIN.org required).

Email your comments, questions, concerns, or ideas to MDShelp@health.ok.gov.

We are conducting a brief confidential survey each quarter to determine how we can better serve you. Please take a few minutes to let us know how we are doing and to share any additional suggestions.



**Do you have MDS questions?
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