

# QIES OASIS eNewsletter

Oklahoma State Department of Health, QIES Help Desk

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

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## **Available Training:**

- The Home Health Quality Improvement (HHQI) University has a new Home Health Aide course available. The course focuses on integrating aides into your agency's efforts to prevent hospitalizations and how their role can help to improve patient care. To learn more about the HHQI University, [read these instructions](#).
- 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 Medicare Learning Network is presenting a call on October 3, 2018 from 1:00-2:00pm CT on Final Modifications to the Quality of Patient Care Star Rating Algorithm. Learn about the planned modifications to the Home Health Quality of Patient Care star ratings, including: Removal of the Drug Education on All Medications Provided to Patient/Caregiver during All Episodes of Care measure; and the Addition of the Improvement in Management of Oral Medications measure. CMS will present the rationale, timing, and impact of this change, and a question and answer session will follow the presentation. [To register for this call, click here](#).
- **SAVE THE DATE!** The OU Zarrow School of Social Work, 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: home health care and hospice administrators, nurses, peer support specialists, 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. [Follow this link to register for this event](#).
- **SAVE THE DATE!** The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will be hosting a 2-day Home Health (HH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) in-person and also as a live webinar. This 'Train the Trainer' event for providers will be held on November 6-7, 2018 in Baltimore, MD. See the Home Health Quality Reporting Training webpage for details. [You must register even if you only plan on attending the live webinar](#).

## **News to Know:**

- The draft OASIS-D Manual, along with a recent Errata Document, are posted to the downloads section of the [OASIS User's Manual webpage](#).

- A Quick Reference Guide for the Home Health QRP for FY2020 is now available on the [Home Health Quality Reporting Requirements](#) webpage. The guide includes frequently asked questions, information on QRP help desks, and helpful links to additional resources for the Home Health QRP.

- Revised versions of the Outcome Measures table, CY2017 HH PPS Final Rule quality measure specifications and risk model documentation for the cross-setting Discharge to Community (DTC) measure have been posted on the [Quality Measures](#) page. These materials have been updated to clarify that a prior proximal hospital stay is not required for inclusion in the DTC denominator, and to clarify denominator exclusions.

- Updated Process Measures Table and Specifications for 'Timely Initiation of Care': An updated home health process quality measure table is available on Quality Measures, along with updated specifications for the Timely Initiation of Care measure. These documents have been modified to further align with the Medicare Conditions of Participation (CoPs) for home health agencies that became effective January 13, 2018. These included a change regarding resumption of care (ROC) dates for patients returning to home health following an inpatient stay, which allowed for a physician ROC date as an alternative to the fixed 48-hour timeframe for the post-hospital reassessment.

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