

QIES MDS eNewsletter - October

Oklahoma State Department of Health, QIES Help Desk

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

(Webpage links are in red lettering)

QIES Help Desk Training:

- There are two ***MDS Quality Assurance/Performance Improvement (QAPI)*** training events scheduled in December 2018 at the Oklahoma City-County Health Department in Oklahoma City. 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, they will learn how to use data from CASPER reports as indicators to improve resident outcomes and correct potential problem areas. Registration for these two workshops filled up quickly due to our limited seating availability. We look forward to seeing those who registered.

- ***As promised during a previous training, we are providing clarification on some of the new MDS items through [this pdf document](#).*** If you have additional questions, please contact us to help ensure accuracy of your assessment, care plan, and quality measures. (Note: These Q&As are accurate as of October 24, 2018. These responses are not intended to supersede the instruction in the RAI Manual).

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

Other Upcoming Training:

- The Oklahoma Foundation for Medical Quality (OFMQ) is offering regional nursing home training meetings on emergency preparedness. Registration is required:

[October 30, 2018 - Oklahoma City, OK](#)

[November 1, 2018 - Ardmore, OK](#)

[November 6, 2018 - Owasso, OK](#)

- TMF Health Quality Institute, the Medicare Quality Innovation Network Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) in Oklahoma is offering an Oklahoma Health Care Quality Improvement Conference on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, in McAlester. Health care professionals, community partners and others interested in health care quality improvement in Oklahoma are invited. Attendees will have the opportunity to earn free continuing education credits. [Registration is required.](#)

News to Know:

- The Oklahoma State Department of Health, **QIES Help Desk** now has an easier way to access resources and information. Visit [MDSresources.health.ok.gov](https://mdsresources.health.ok.gov).

- **An RAI User's Manual Errata file has been posted to the CMS MDS 3.0 RAI Manual webpage [HERE](#).** The Errata file, titled MDS 3.0 RAI User's Manual (v1.16R) Errata (v1) October 1, 2018, is located in the Downloads section of the webpage and contains the RAI Manual Change Table and associated replacement pages. (Updated manual pages are marked with the footer *October 2018 (R)*).

Revisions include:

- Chapter 3, Section J, Item J2000 Prior Surgery, amended criteria for Major Surgery. Specifically, the removal of the general anesthesia criterion.
- The examples for coding J2000 have been corrected to remove the criteria of general anesthesia.

- Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Data on Nursing Home (NH) Compare

CMS is announcing the inaugural release of the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) quality data on Nursing Home (NH) Compare. Specifically, the following five SNF QRP measures are now being displayed on the NH Compare site:

Assessment-based measures:

- Percent of Residents or Patients with Pressure Ulcers that are New or Worsened (Short Stay) (National Quality Forum #0678)
- Application of Percent of Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Patients With an Admission and Discharge Functional Assessment and a Care Plan That Addresses Function (NQF #2631)
- Application of Percent of Residents Experiencing One or More Falls with Major Injury (NQF #0674)

Claims-based measures:

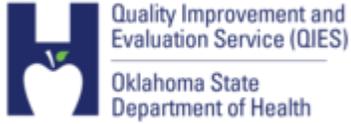
- Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary-PAC SNF QRP
- Discharge to Community-PAC SNF QRP

CMS has decided not to publish a 6th quality measure, *Potentially Preventable 30-Day Post-Discharge Readmissions*, at this time. Additional time allows for more testing to determine if there are modifications that may be needed both to the measure and to the method for displaying the measure.

We welcome your feedback regarding our eNewsletter!

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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