

QIES MDS eNewsletter

Oklahoma State Department of Health, QIES Help Desk

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

(Webpage links are in red lettering)

New DRAFT item sets

A new DRAFT version of the 2020 MDS item sets (v1.18.0) scheduled to become effective October 1, 2020 and the DRAFT version of the MDS 3.0 Item Set Change History for October 2020 (v1.18.0) was posted on CMS [website](#). These files are located in the Downloads section at the bottom of the page. Please note that Section G has been removed from all Federal item sets.

Upcoming Revisions to Nursing Home Compare

CMS announced plans to launch a simplified and consistent online experience to make it easier for consumers to find and compare care. CMS plans to combine and standardize the current eight existing Compare tools, under the new “Medicare Care Compare”. CMS’s goal is to provide a unified experience so consumers will be able to easily find the information that is most important to help make health care decisions, like getting quality data by the type of health care provider. CMS stated these revisions are anticipated to occur this spring when they will kick off a transition period that allows the public to use the revised tools alongside the existing tools before they are retired.

Welcome Telligen, Oklahoma’s New QIN-QIO

We are pleased to introduce Telligen, Oklahoma’s new Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization. They were awarded the recent CMS QIN-QIO contract and hope to partner with you in meeting challenging healthcare goals.

Telligen has brought communities together for more than 45 years as a Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Telligen’s quality improvement consulting services are available at no cost to your organization, helping you make the connection between evidence-based innovation and the resident experience.

If you have not done so, please sign-up to join Telligen QI Connect™ so you will have access to valuable tools and resources, along with exchanging ideas and solutions with peers who have similar challenges. [Click Here!](#)

After registering for Telligen QI Connect™ sign up to participate in a Five-Star Quality Measure Learning collaborative designed to help you create a plan to improve and sustain the overall Quality Measure Score used in the Nursing Home Compare Five-Star Rating.

Benefits of participation in this interactive collaborative:

- Prepare for Telligen QI Connect™ community learning collaboratives
- Learn to navigate the scoring complexities of the Five-Star Rating
- Use powerful tools to evaluate and improve your performance
- Deliver higher quality of care resulting in better quality of life for residents

Who should Participate?

Administrators, Directors of Nursing, MDS Coordinators, QAA Committee Members

Teams will be asked to commit to the following:

- Attend the 45-minute workshops and check-in call
- Complete a QAPI Smart Goal
- Implement interventions during the action period
- Create a sustainment plan, celebrate and spread successes!

[Register](#) today! See the full [flyer](#) here!

Contact a Telligen QIN-QIO Representative for more information!

800-386-6431 | www.TelligenQINQIO.com | NursingHome@telligen.com

Upcoming MDS Training:

We are working to reserve a venue for our next MDS training. Please save tentative dates of the last week in March or first part of April. Once we have confirmed the location, we will send an announcement and post on our website.

Update: Local Contact Agency Information

Nursing homes are required to make a referral to the Local Contact Agency when a resident expresses a desire to speak to someone about returning to the community, as instructed in Section Q of the MDS. This requirement is following the resident's civil rights and is considered a violation of the individual's rights if not done. Oklahoma Living Choice Program is once again serving as the point of contact for this requirement. For additional information on contact information and services offered, click [here](#).

MDS 3.0 Q&As

- As promised during a previous training, we are providing clarification on some of the MDS items through this [pdf document](#) and have also included a few other Q&As that may benefit you. 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 January 30, 2020. These responses are not intended to supersede the instruction in the RAI Manual).

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?
Contact the QIES Help Desk at (405) 271-5278
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