

# MDS December Newsletter

## Nursing Facility Updates and Reminders!

### Obtain your patients MBI number now!

Starting January 1, 2020, you **must** use the Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI). Your claims will be rejected if you submit with the Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN), and reject all eligibility transactions.

Many providers are using the MBI for Medicare transactions now, but CMS cautions facilities to double check and make sure you have every patient's MBI number prior to January 1, 2020.

Don't have an MBI? Complete the following to obtain the MBI number:

- Ask your patients for their card
- Use your Medicare Administrative Contractor's look up tool. [https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/Novitasphere\\_JH/Novitasphere](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/Novitasphere_JH/Novitasphere)
- Check the remittance advice. The MBI is listed on the remittance advice for every claim with a valid and active HICN.

### Breaking News! DRAFT version of the 2020 MDS item sets v1.18.0 have been posted

**Section G removed from the new draft item set! There are several additional changes that we will train on once the final version has posted.**

A new **DRAFT** version of the 2020 MDS item sets (v1.18.0) was posted. This version is scheduled to become effective October 1, 2020.

The files are located in the Downloads section of the MDS 3.0 Technical Information webpage:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/NHQIMDS30TechnicalInformation.html>

The MDS 3.0 Item Set Change History for October 2020 report will post to this webpage shortly.

## **PDPM Transition**

Please stay tuned for the Q&As we stated we would provide after the training in October. We will send those out to everyone in attendance soon.

***Your Oklahoma QIES Help Desk team wishes you all a very safe and happy holiday season! We are thankful for each one of you and the work you do to improve the lives of our elders. We wish you a very prosperous New Year and look forward to working with you in the coming year!***

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