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Dear Nursing Home or Swing-Bed Hospital Administrator:

As most of you are aware, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will be implementing a new version of the resident assessment instrument, MDS 3.0, on October 1, 2010.

It has come to our attention that some software vendors do not plan to transition to the new MDS 3.0 instrument. If you have not already been in contact with your software vendor to discuss the new MDS 3.0, we highly recommend that you do so immediately. You may discover that your vendor is not going to support MDS software in the future which means you will need to obtain new software and your staff will need to learn the new application prior to October 1.

In the event you find yourself in a situation where you must change to a different software vendor, make sure you still have access to your MDS 2.0 assessments just in case you need to make a correction to an MDS 2.0 assessment.

This is just a reminder that it is time to schedule your software installation date and discuss your transition strategy with your staff. Please let us know if the QIES Help Desk (405-271-5278) can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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