Effective October 1, 2014, Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) will implement modifications to the Long Term Care (LTC) Online Portal in support of the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) changes to the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 and corresponding changes by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) to the Medical Necessity and Level of Care (MN/LOC) 3.0. Assessments where item A2300, Assessment Reference Date (ARD) is on or after October 1, 2014, will reflect the following revisions from the current forms:

**MDS 3.0 Changes (Comprehensive and Quarterly):**

- Removed A0310B option 6, “06. Readmission/return assessment”
- Modified A0410 field name to “A0410. Unit Certification or Licensure Designation”
- Modified A0410 options to:
  1. **Unit is neither Medicare nor Medicaid certified and MDS data is not required by the State**
  2. **Unit is neither Medicare nor Medicaid certified but MDS data is required by the State**
  3. **Unit is Medicare and/or Medicaid certified**
- Modified A1100 option 9 to “9. Unable to determine → Skip to A1200, Marital Status”
- Modified A1600 field-level instruction to “A1600. Entry Date”
- Added group heading “Most Recent Admission/Entry or Reentry into this Facility” to fields A1600 – A1800
- Added new field to section A, “A1900 Admission Date (Date this episode of care in this facility began)”
- Modified O0250 subheading to “O0250. Influenza Vaccine - Refer to current version of RAI manual for current influenza vaccination season and reporting period”
- Modified O0250A field-level instruction to “O0250A. Did the resident receive the influenza vaccine in this facility for this year’s influenza vaccination season?”
- Modified O0250A option 0 to “0. No → Skip to O0250C, If influenza vaccine not received, state reason”
- Modified O0250A option 1 to “1. Yes → Continue to O0250B, Date influenza vaccine received”

- Modified O0250B field-level instruction to “O0250B. Date influenza vaccine received → Complete date and skip to O0300A, Is the resident’s Pneumococcal vaccination up to date?”

- Modified O0250C field-level instruction to “O0250C. If influenza vaccine not received, state reason:”

- Modified O0250C option 1 to “1. Resident not in this facility during this year’s influenza vaccination season”

- Modified O0250C option 6 to “6. Inability to obtain influenza vaccine due to a declared shortage”

- Modified X0150 field-level instruction to “X0150. Type of Provider (A0200 on existing record to be modified/inactivated)”

- Added subheading to “X0200. Name of Resident (A0500 on existing record to be modified/inactivated)”

- Modified X0300 field-level instruction to “X0300. Gender (A0800 on existing record to be modified/inactivated)”

- Modified X0400 field-level instruction to “X0400. Birth Date (A0900 on existing record to be modified/inactivated)”

- Modified X0500 field-level instruction to “X0500. Social Security Number (A0600A on existing record to be modified/inactivated)”

- Modified X0600 subheading to “X0600. Type of Assessment (A0310 on existing record to be modified/inactivated)”

- Remove X0600B option 6, “06. Readmission/Return Assessment”

- Modified X0700A field-level instruction to “X0700A. Assessment Reference Date (A2300 on existing record to be modified/inactivated) - Complete only if X0600F = 99”

- Modified X0700B field-level instruction to “X0700B. Discharge Date (A2000 on existing record to be modified/inactivated) - Complete only if X0600F = 10, 11, or 12”

- Modified X0700C field-level instruction to “X0700C. Entry Date (A1600 on existing record to be modified/inactivated) - Complete only if X0600F = 01”
MDS 3.0 Changes (Quarterly Only):

- Removed field A1500
- Removed field A1510
- Removed field A1550

MN/LOC 3.0 Changes:

- Modified the validation rule for O0400A4 to “Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Services – The number of days of Speech Therapy must be less than or equal to the Therapy end date minus the Therapy start date plus 1 day. If the Therapy end date indicates that Speech Therapy is ongoing, then the Assessment Date is used as the end date for this validation”

- Modified the validation rule for O0400B4 to “Occupational Therapy – The number of days of Occupational Therapy must be less than or equal to the Therapy end date minus the Therapy start date plus 1 day. If the Therapy end date indicates that Occupational Therapy is ongoing, then the Assessment Date is used as the end date for this validation”

- Modified the validation rule for O0400C4 to “Physical Therapy - The number of days of Physical Therapy must be less than or equal to the Therapy end date minus the start date plus 1 day. If the Therapy end date indicates that Physical Therapy is ongoing, then the Observation End Date is used as the end date for this validation”

- Modified the validation rule for O0420 to “The field Distinct Calendar Days of Therapy must be less than or equal to the latest Therapy end date (O0400A6 or O0400B6 or O0400C6) minus the earliest Therapy start date (O0400A5 or O0400B5 or O0400C5) plus 1 day. If any one of the Therapy end dates indicates that therapy is ongoing (dashes), then the Assessment Date is used as the end date for this validation”

Note: The specifications listed above may be subject to change. For the most up-to-date information on specifications, go to the CMS website at:


Contact TMHP at 1-800-626-4117, Option 1, for general questions about MDS and MN/LOC assessments or Option 3 for MDS and MN/LOC submission problems.