Reminder: LTC Online Portal MDS 3.0 and MN/LOC Specification Changes Scheduled for October 1, 2016

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The federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced changes to the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 and Medical Necessity and Level of Care (MN/LOC) Assessments which will be effective on October 1, 2016. The Long Term Care (LTC) Online Portal will change to display the relevant revisions of the MDS 3.0 Comprehensive and Quarterly assessments with an Assessment Reference Date (ARD, A2300) of October 1, 2016, or later. MDS 3.0 assessments with an ARD prior to October 1, 2016, will not display in the current format regardless of extraction date. These changes will affect only MN/LOCs submitted on October 1, 2016, and after.

This use of the ARD does not alter the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) use of the Entry Date (A1600) as the effective date of MDS 3.0 Admission assessments and the Date Signed as Complete (Z0500b) as the effective date of all other MDS3.0 assessments.

The following MDS 3.0 Comprehensive and Quarterly assessment fields will be added or altered:

- **A0310H New**: Is this a SNF Part A PPS Discharge Assessment? 0. No 1. Yes
- **C0500 Changed item label from “Summary Score” to “BIMS Summary Score”**
- **C0600 Changed Options 0 and 1 from “complete interview” to “complete Brief Interview for Mental Status,” Changed “Skip to C1300” to “Skip to C1310”**
- **C0900 Changed Option D from “That he or she is in a nursing home” to “That he or she is in a nursing home/hospital swing bed”**
- **C1310 New Delirium item: C1310. Signs and Symptoms of Delirium (from CAM©) Code after completing Brief Interview for Mental Status or Staff Assessment, and reviewing medical record**
- **C1310A New item: A. Acute Onset Mental Status Change. Is there evidence of an acute change in mental status from the resident’s baseline? 0. No 1. Yes**
- **C1310B-C1310D New items coding instructions: Coding: 0. Behavior not present 1. Behavior continuously present, does not fluctuate 2. Behavior present, fluctuates (comes and goes, changes in severity)**
- **C1310B New item: B. Inattention - Did the resident have difficulty focusing attention, for example being easily distractible, or having difficulty keeping track of what was being said?**
- **C1310C New item: C. Disorganized thinking - Was the resident's thinking disorganized or incoherent (rambling or irrelevant conversation, unclear or illogical flow of ideas, or unpredictable switching from subject to subject)?**
- **C1310D New item: D. Altered level of consciousness - Did the resident have altered level of consciousness as indicated by any of the following criteria?**
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- M0300G Changed “Unstageable - Deep tissue” to “Unstageable - Deep tissue injury”
- M1040H Changed “i.e., incontinence (IAD)” to “e.g., incontinence-associated dermatitis [IAD]”
- N0410 Changed instruction from “Indicate the number of DAYS the resident received the following medications during the last 7 days...” to “Indicate the number of DAYS the resident received the following medications by pharmacological classification, not how it is used, during the last 7 days...”
- N0410E Changed “warfarin” to “e.g., warfarin”
- X0600H New X0600 item: H. Is this a SNF Part A PPS Discharge Assessment? 0. No 1. Yes

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- V0100 Changed instruction from “A0310B = 01 - 06” to “A0310B = 01 - 05”
- V0100B Deleted response option 06. Readmission/return assessment

The following MDS 3.0 Comprehensive and Quarterly assessment fields will be deleted:

- C1300 (Includes fields C1300A thru C1300D)
- C1600
- Q0490 Removed Option 8. Information not available
- Q0550B Removed Option 8. No information source available Added Option 9. None of the above

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