The federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced changes to the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Assessments which will be effective on October 1, 2017. As a result, Health and Human Services (HHS) has made applicable changes to the Medical Necessity and Level of Care (MN/LOC) Assessments. The Long Term Care (LTC) Online Portal will be modified to display the relevant revisions of the MDS 3.0 Comprehensive and Quarterly assessments with an Assessment Reference Date (ARD, A2300) of October 1, 2017, or later. MDS 3.0 assessments with an ARD prior to October 1, 2017, will display in the current format regardless of extraction date. These changes will affect only MN/LOCs submitted on October 1, 2017, and after.

This use of the ARD does not alter the HHS 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 MDS 3.0 assessments.

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

- New item: N0410. Option H. Opioid
- New item: N0450. Antipsychotic Medication Review
- New item: N0450A. Did the resident receive antipsychotic medications since admission/entry or reentry or the prior OBRA assessment, whichever is more recent?
  Options:
  0. No - Antipsychotics were not received
  1. Yes – Antipsychotics were received on a routine basis
  2. Yes – Antipsychotics were received on a PRN basis only
  3. Yes – Antipsychotics were received on a routine and PRN basis

New item: N0450B. Has a gradual dose reduction (GDR) been attempted?

Options:

0. No
1. Yes

- New item: N0450C. Date of last attempted GDR
- New item: N0450D. Physician documented GDR as clinically contraindicated

Options:

0. No - GDR has not been documented by a physician as clinically contraindicated
1. Yes – GDR has been documented by a physician as clinically contraindicated
New item: N0450C. Date physician documented GDR as clinically contraindicated

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New item: P0200. “Alarms,” Instruction: An alarm is any physical or electronic device that monitors resident movement and alerts the staff when movement is detected. Enter Codes in Boxes

- New item: P0200A. Bed alarm
- New item: P0200B. Chair alarm
- New item: P0200C. Floor mat alarm
- New item: P0200D. Motion sensor alarm
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For more information, call the LTC Help Desk at 1-800-626-4117, Option 1.