Update: LTC Online Portal MDS 3.0 and MN/LOC Specification Changes

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The federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced changes to the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0, effective on October 1, 2018. 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, 2018, or later. MDS 3.0 assessments with an ARD prior to October 1, 2018, display in the current format regardless of extraction date.

A small number of these changes apply to the Medical Necessity and Level of Care (MN/LOC) assessments. These changes affect only MN/LOCs submitted on October 1, 2018, and after.

This use of the ARD does not alter the HHSC-LTC 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.

Please note: Federal CMS published additional changes after this article was first published in the August 2018 LTC Provider Bulletin.

The following MDS 3.0 Comprehensive and Quarterly assessment fields have been added, deleted, or altered:

Section C Items

Modified: **C1310B.** B. Inattention – Did the resident have difficulty focusing attention, for example, being easily distractible or having difficulty keeping track of what was being said?

Modified: **C1310C.** 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)?

Modified: **C1310D.** D. Altered Level of Consciousness - Did the resident have altered level of consciousness, as indicated by any of the following criteria?

Section I Items

New Item: **I0020** – Indicate the resident’s primary medical condition category

Indicate the resident's primary medical condition category that best describes the primary reason for admission.

Complete only if A0310B = 01
01. Stroke
02. Non-Traumatic Brain Dysfunction
03. Traumatic Brain Dysfunction
04. Non-Traumatic Spinal Cord Dysfunction
05. Traumatic Spinal Cord Dysfunction
06. Progressive Neurological Conditions
07. Other Neurological Conditions
08. Amputation
09. Hip and Knee replacement
10. Fractures and Other Multiple Trauma
11. Other Orthopedic Conditions
12. Debility, Cardiorespiratory Conditions
13. Medically Complex Conditions
14. Other Medical Condition if “other medical condition,” enter the ICD code in the boxes.

New Item [Eight blank data fields to capture up to eight ICD codes related to field I0010:14.]: **I0020A**.

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**Section J Item**

New Item: **J2000**. Prior Surgery - Complete only if A0310B = 01 Did the resident have major surgery during the 100 days prior to admission?

0. No
1. Yes
8. Unknown

**Section M Items**

Modified: **Section M Intro Note** – Report based on highest stage of existing ulcers/injuries at their worst; do not "reverse" stage

Modified: **M0100**. Determination of Pressure Ulcer/Injury Risk

Modified: **M0100A**. – A. Resident has a pressure ulcer/injury, a scar over bony prominence, or a non-removable dressing/device

Modified: **M0150**. Risk of Pressure Ulcers/Injuries Is this resident at risk of developing pressure ulcers/injuries?

Modified: **M0210**. Unhealed Pressure Ulcers/Injuries Does this resident have one or more unhealed pressure ulcers/injuries?

0. No: Skip to M1030, Number of Venous and Arterial Ulcers
1. Yes: Continue to M0300, Current Number of Unhealed Pressure Ulcers/Injuries at Each Stage
Modified: **M0300**. Current Number of Unhealed Pressure Ulcers/Injuries at Each Stage

Modified: **M0300A**. Stage 1: Intact skin with non-blanchable redness of a localized area usually over a bony prominence. Darkly pigmented skin may not have a visible blanching; in dark skin tones only it may appear with persistent blue or purple hues

  1. Number of Stage 1 pressure injuries

Deleted: **M0300B3**

Modified: **M0300D1**. 1. Number of Stage 4 pressure ulcers - If 0 Skip to M0300E, Unstageable - Non-removable dressing/device

Modified: **M0300E**. E. Unstageable - Non-removable dressing/device: Known but not stageable due to non-removable dressing/device

  1. Number of unstageable pressure ulcers/injuries due to non-removable dressing/device - If 0 Skip to M0300F, Unstageable - Slough and/or eschar
  2. Number of these unstageable pressure ulcers/injuries that were present upon admission/entry or reentry - enter how many were noted at the time of admission/entry or reentry

Modified: **M0300G**. Unstageable - Deep tissue injury:

  1. Number of unstageable pressure injuries presenting as deep tissue injury - If 0 Skip to M1030, Number of Venous and Arterial Ulcers
  2. Number of these unstageable pressure injuries that were present upon admission/entry or reentry - enter how many were noted at the time of admission/entry or reentry

Deleted: **M0610**

Deleted: **M0700**

Deleted: **M0800**

Deleted: **M0900**

Modified: **M1200**. Skin and Ulcer/Injury Treatments

Modified: **M1200E**. E. Pressure ulcer/injury care

**Section N Items**

Modified: **N0450A**. Did the Resident receive antipsychotic medications since admission/entry or reentry or the prior OBRA assessment, whichever is more recent?
0. No – Antipsychotics were not received: Skip No450B, N0450C, N0450D, and N0450E.

Modified: **N0450D.** Physician documented GDR as clinically contraindicated

0. No – GDR has not been documented by a physician as clinically contraindicated: Skip N0450E Date physician documented GDR as clinically contraindicated.

New Item: **N2001.** Drug Regimen Review - Complete only if A0310B = 01

Did a complete drug regimen review identify potential clinically significant medication issues?
0. No - No issues found during review
1. Yes - Issues found during review
9. NA - Resident is not taking any medications

New Item: **N2003.** Medication Follow-up – Complete only if N2001 = 1

Did the facility contact a physician (or physician-designee) by midnight of the next calendar day and complete prescribed/recommended actions in response to the identified potential clinically significant medication issues?
0. No
1. Yes

New Item: **N2005.** Medication Intervention - Complete only if A0310H = 1

Did the facility contact and complete physician (or physician-designee) prescribed/recommended actions by midnight of the next calendar day each time potential clinically significant medication issues were identified since the admission?
0. No
1. Yes
9. NA - There were no potential clinically significant medication issues identified since admission or resident is not taking any medications

**Section O Items**

Modified: **O0100F.** F. Invasive Mechanical Ventilator (ventilator or respirator)

Modified: **O0100G.** G. Non-Invasive Mechanical Ventilator (BiPAP/CPAP)

* Only applicable for MDS Comprehensive Assessments

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