

Frequently Asked Questions: RN Assessment Coordinator Information for the MDS 3.0 Assessment and LTCMI

- Q. Does the last name of the Registered Nurse (RN) that was entered into the signature block of field Z0500A of the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Assessment have to match the last name of the RN entered in field S4a of the Long Term Care Medicaid Information (LTCMI)?
- A. Yes. When completing field S4a (RN Coordinator Last Name) of the LTCMI on the LTC Online Portal, providers must enter the same RN Assessment Coordinator (RNAC) Last Name as previously entered in field Z0500A of the MDS 3.0 Assessment. See examples below:

Field S4A of the LTCMI

LTCMI		
S4. Licenses		
Provider Certification: On behalf of this facility, I certify to the completeness of the MDS Assessment.		
S4a.	• RN Coordinator Last Name	The Last Name entered here must match field Z0500A of the MDS.
S4b.	• RN Coordinator License #	
S4c.	• RN Coordinator License State	

Field Z0500A of the MDS 3.0 Assessment

Z0500. Signature of RN Assessment Coordinator Verifying Assessment Completion		MDS 3.0 Assessment																				
<p>A. Signature: This signature can be entered one of two ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronically - via the MDS software at the facility 2. Manually - pen and ink on the paper-copy of the MDS 3.0 assessment 	<p>B. Date RN Assessment Coordinator signed assessment as complete:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Month</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Day</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Year</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>												Month		Day		Year					
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- Q. What is the reason for the requirement that the last name of the RN in field Z0500A match the last name of the RN in field S4a on the LTCMI?
- A. The intent behind the requirement to enter the last name of the RN from Z0500A in field S4a (along with the RN's license number in S4b and the state in which licensed in S4c) is two-fold. First, the state verifies the requirement that the RN in field S4 is licensed as a RN in Texas or a compact state. Second, the state verifies the requirement the RN in field S4 has completed the required MDS Resource Utilization Group (RUG) training offered through Texas State University.
- Q. Where can providers find the required MDS RUG training offered through Texas State University?
- A. A RNAC can access the required RUG training at: www.txstate.edu/continuinged/CE-Online/RUG-Training. Each RNAC must complete this training every two years. Other interested staff may also take this training, but it is not required. The OIG recommends that a copy of the RNAC's certificate of completion of the HHSC-approved online MDS RUG training is maintained and available for review.
- Q. What action can the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) take if the last name of the RN in field Z0500A of the MDS 3.0 Assessment does not match the last name of the RN in field S4a of the LTCMI?
- A. The OIG routinely evaluates these field entries during its review process and may withhold or recoup provider funds for non-compliance.
- Q. Where can providers find detailed instructions for the completion of the LTCMI?

- A. Providers can access the *Detailed Guide for Completing the Nursing Facility LTC Medicaid Information For MDS 3.0 Item by Item* guide at www.tmhp.com/Provider_Forms/Long%20Term%20Care%20Programs/LTCMINursingFacInstructions%2030.pdf for detailed instructions.
- Q. What if providers have additional questions?
- A. For additional questions about completion of the LTCMI on the LTC Online Portal, contact TMHP at 1-800-626-4117, Option 1.