

MDS 3.0 a New Era

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Agenda

- MDS/RAI History
- MDS 3.0
- Quality Measures

**Minimum Data Set
(MDS) / Resident
Assessment
Instrument (RAI)
Background and
History**

Why MDS?

- Simple answer: Because the law says so
- Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 is the Statutory & Regulatory Basis for the RAI
 - To provide a comprehensive, accurate, standardized, reproducible assessment of each resident's functional capabilities
 - To help staff identify health problems
- Balanced Budget Act (BBA) of 1997
 - Established the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) prospective payment system (PPS).

Official Uses for MDS

- Care Planning - December 1990
- Survey and Certification - December 1990
- Payment/Electronic Submission - June 22, 1998
- Nursing Home Quality Initiative/Public Reporting - November 2002 and the QIO Scope of Work

Why MDS 3.0?

- MDS 2.0 is outdated
- MDS 2.0 isn't consistent with current clinical practices
- MDS 2.0 has limited value to NH's outside of it being a required assessment

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- Went live October 1, 2010 as scheduled.
- Anecdotal comments have been mixed:
 - More valuable information elicited from residents
 - Interviews take less time than chart abstraction
 - Residents seem to appreciate the increased interaction
 - Adjusting to discharge assessment
 - Offering suggestions to decrease/eliminate duplication

What Does MDS 3.0 Bring to the NH Community?

- Main advances in MDS 3.0 include:
 - pulls in the Resident's voice and desires,
 - increased Resident interactions
 - increasing clinical relevance, increasing accuracy (validity & reliability),
 - increasing clarity, and
 - Expecting reduction in completion time - national study by 45%*

*Item set size is comparable and this statistic is based on earlier testing. Anticipate having more real-time information after the first several months of use.

What Does MDS 3.0 Bring to the NH Community?

- Better match to current clinical practices (e.g. pressure ulcer assessment)
- Enhanced assessment of behavioral, depression, and cognitive function

Quality Measures

Public Reporting

- Last update of MDS 2.0 QM data on Nursing Home Compare (NHC) – January 2011
- QM data to be removed from NHC and factored out of the 5-Star in April 2011
- QM data will return to NHC and 5-Star spring 2012

QM Endorsement Status

- NQF Steering Committee recommended 17 measures for endorsement. (details available in NQF's website – www.qualityforum.org/Projects/Nursing_Homes.aspx)
- NQF member vote October 18 – November 16, 2010
- Expected final endorsement December 2010

Questions