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- MDS 2.0 is outdated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
MDS 3.0

- 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