
**CMS - Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT)
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Recent analysis of Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT) feedback ..

It is important all information captured on the MDS is clearly supported in the documentation. If the information is not clearly supported in the documentation, medical reviewers correct the MDS based on the submitted documentation, which can result in a change in the RUG category billed.

The following areas frequently have been corrected on the MDS resulting in changes to the RUG levels. For more information on the MDS entries, refer to the RAI manual:

- **Therapy minutes:** The number of minutes of therapy completed each day must be supported in the documentation.
Reminder: Therapy evaluation minutes may not be included in the minutes captured for the MDS.
- **Parental IV fluids and IV medication administration:** Documentation supporting administration of IV fluids and/or medication must be present when MDS indicates these services.
Note: This service may have been provided during the hospital stay; therefore submission of hospital documentation may be required to support the service.
- **ADL score:** Documentation must support all ADL information entered into the MDS.

Additionally, all MDS information should be reviewed prior to submission for potential keying errors.

Reference: Long-Term Care Facility Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) User's Manual