

SNF Open Door Forum Summary

September 15, 2010

MDS Transition Schedule

- MDS 3.0 with Interim RUG-IV will be implemented as planned on Oct. 1, 2010.
- CMS provided the Transition schedule for PPS/MDS required for payment.
- CMS provided three options to minimize the number of assessments.
- The spreadsheet which provides details regarding the options and transition assessment schedule is posted on the CMS website.
https://www.cms.gov/SNFPPS/02_Spotlight.asp
- CMS will provide additional examples in the next week to assist with clarification during this transition period.

MDS 3.0 Updates

- CMS provided additional updates to the RAI manual on Sept. 13th.
- CMS provided links to YouTube on Sept. 15th for sections of the August training.

Information on Sections B and C is available at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uq4BOnbiYmI>

Information on Section D is available at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXIMTt3Vj9o>.

Information on Section K is available at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyU7OEpONMc>.

Information on Section P is available at

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ujr44m8_p-g

- CMS updated the Training Slides, Instructor Guides and provided Training Aides on Sept. 15th
- All revised sections are indicated with "V1.04 and September 2010" in the file name and are in the zip file available at:
<http://www.cms.gov/NursingHomeQualityInits/downloads/MDS30RAIManual.zip>
- A transition document that is written for non-programmers describes the transition from completing the MDS 2.0 assessment to the MDS 3.0 assessment.

The document is available at:

<http://www.cms.gov/NursingHomeQualityInits/downloads/MDS30TransitionFromMDS20.pdf>

- CMS has created a new publication to inform beneficiaries of their rights when they are discharged from a nursing home. The publication is available at: <http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11477.pdf>

Changes to the Survey Process and Forms 672/802

- Changes to the traditional survey process related to the implementation of MDS 3.0.
- July 30th CMS posted a Survey and Certification memo reflecting temporary changes to Appendix P. These changes modify tasks 1-5C of the traditional survey process.
- QI/QM will not be available after October 1st for at least one year.
- CMS will post a Survey and Certification memo when the QI/QM's are available again.
- Permanent changes to Appendix P related to CAA terminology and Oscar reports now referred to as Casper reports.
- Interpretive guidelines Section PP is going to be released, on hold at this time waiting approval. They plan to have this out in the next week. Most changes related to MDS 2.0/RAPS conversion to MDS 3.0/CAAs.
- Changes to 672/802 and 805.

New Regulation related to CMP

- July 12th CMS published a proposed regulation related to Civil Monetary Penalties (CMP) in nursing facilities.
- This regulation expands and provides examples for use of CMP and provides a provision to reduce CMP for facilities that self report.
- CMS would be responsible for approval of CMP.
- They are in the process of putting this into a final regulation by March 2011.

DOTPA update

- CMS had initiated a study on Medicare Part B Outpatient Therapy alternatives
 - DOTPA (Developing Outpatient Therapy Payment Alternatives).
 - Aimed at developing alternatives to the current financial cap on Medicare Part B Outpatient Therapy Services.
 - Recruiting Rehab providers to participate in the study. (Nursing facilities that provide Medicare Part B services, Outpatient Rehab agencies, CORF, Therapist in private practice, Physician offices, and Hospital Outpatient.
 - The provider would participate for 6 months or less.
 - Those providers that participate will be exempt or deferred from the RAC or routine medical review process during the time they are submitting data as part of the project. The exemption or deferral will apply to all their patients and services, not just therapy services that are reported as part of DOTPA.
 - Collection of data once on admission and again on discharge.

For more information <http://optherapy.rti.org>

The next SNF open door forum is scheduled for October 28th.