



COMMISSIONER
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To: All Contracted Nursing Facility Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 12-17
Changes to Minimum Data Set effective April 1, 2012

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced a revision to the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Assessments effective April 1, 2012. Details of this revision and revisions to the Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Manual may be found on the following CMS webpage: http://www.cms.gov/NursingHomeQualityInits/45_NHQIMDS30TrainingMaterials.asp

The revised assessments are scheduled to be available on the Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) Long Term Care Online Portal on April 1, 2012.

TMHP will display the revisions on MDS 3.0 Comprehensive and Quarterly Assessments with an Assessment Reference Date (ARD, A2300) of April 1, 2012, or later. MDS 3.0 assessments with an ARD prior to April 1, 2012, will display in the current format regardless of extraction date.

This use of the ARD does not alter the Department of Aging and Disability Services use of the Entry Date (A1600) as the effective date of MDS 3.0 Admission assessments and the Date Signed as Complete (Z0500b) as the effective date of all other MDS 3.0 assessments.

Information concerning this and other MDS related topics may also be found at: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/mds/>

Please contact Andy Alegria, Texas MDS Automation Coordinator, with questions concerning the RAI Manual Chapter 2, Chapter 3 Sections A and X, Chapter 5 and 6, CASPER reports including validation reports and Quality Monitoring reports at (512) 438-2396 or andy.alegria@dads.state.tx.us.

You may also contact Cheryl Shiffer, BSN, RN, RAC-CT, Texas MDS Clinical Coordinator, with questions about the Resident Assessment Instrument Manual Chapter 1, Chapter 3 Sections B - Z, Chapter 4 at (210) 619-8010 or cheryl.shiffer@dads.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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