

## Subject: MDS Changes Effective October 1, 2014

Visual Changes: Some screens look a little different but functionality they are the same.

### Main MDS Selection Menu:

On the right of each MDS on the selection menu (the default screen in MDS) are 5 function buttons:

Tools: Same items as before (when you clicked the hammer and wrench icon to right of assessment).

Form: Click to view and print the MDS booklet. (You don't have to go to Forms menu now).

Data: Click to view the assessment in summary form (only viewing, no editing).

XML: Click to view the xml file (no editing, most users would never need to click this, more of an administrative tool).

Status: This gives you the 'Editing Status' i.e., a list of errors and missing information.

To open assessment click anywhere in the rectangular box of the assessment.

### Data Submission Menu:

To access the 'Submission Files' from the 'Data Submission' menu (where you see the list of batches) and the CHARTS menu (where you transfer billing file, which many facilities don't use anymore) click the More button on the top right next to the Refresh button.

After you click 'Submission Files', click the month that the batch you are looking for was created in. This change should greatly decrease the time spent waiting for the 'Submission Files' menu to open.

### Items Changed in this 10/1/2014 Release:

- A0310B: option "06" removed
- A0410: Wording changed
- A0500: "Skip" (^) no longer allowed - retroactive
- A1500,1510,1550: Removed except for NC
- A1900: New item, Admission Date, tied to A1700, 1800, 1600. This is a move toward Episodes, which is composed of 1 or more Stays. A Stay ends with Disch No Return, Disch Return when resident is out > 30 days, or expires. All stays within an episode have the same A1900. A New Episode requires a change to A1900.
- O0250B: Added to NSD, NOD, ND
- O0250C: Wording changed
- X0600B: option "06" removed

### Edits Changed in this 10/1/2014 release:

- 3571 Consistency Changed Retroactive to 9/21/2014!  
If this is a PPS assessment (A0310B=[01,02,03,04,05,06,07]), then the Medicare or comparable railroad insurance number (A0600B) must be present (not [^]). Thus, the submission will be rejected if this is a PPS assessment and A0600B is equal to [^].

- 3855 Consistency          New                  Retroactive to 9/21/2014!  
THERAPY DAYS CONSISTENCY RULES

- If O0400A4 (the number of days of speech therapy) is equal to [1-7], then the value cannot be greater than the end date for that discipline (O0400A6) minus the start date (O0400A5) plus 1. If the end date indicates that speech therapy is ongoing [-----], then use the ARD (A2300) as the end date for this calculation.
- If O0400B4 (the number of days of OT) is equal to [1-7], then the value cannot be greater than the end date for that discipline (O0400B6) minus the start date (O0400B5) plus 1. If the end date indicates that OT is ongoing [-----], then use the ARD (A2300) as the end date for this calculation.
- If O0400C4 (the number of days of PT) is equal to [1-7], then the value cannot be greater than the end date for that discipline (O0400C6) minus the start date (O0400C5) plus 1. If the end date indicates that PT is ongoing [-----], then use the ARD (A2300) as the end date for this calculation.

- 3856 Consistency          New                  Retroactive to 9/21/2014!

If the value of O0420=[1-7], then the following rule applies:

The number of distinct calendar days of therapy (O0420) cannot be greater than the latest therapy end date minus the earliest therapy start date plus 1, where the latest and earliest therapy start dates are defined as follows:

- The latest therapy end date is defined as the largest date contained in O0400A6, O0400B6, and O0400C6, excluding any of these items that contain [-,^]. If any of these items contains [-----], then the latest therapy end date is equal to A2300 (ARD).
- The earliest start date is defined as the smallest date contained in O0400A5, O0400B5, or O0400C5, excluding any of these items that contain [-,^].

- 3857 Consistency  
If A0310E=[0] and M0300B1=[-], then M0800A must equal [-].
- 3858 Consistency  
If A0310E=[0] and M0300C1=[-], then M0800B must equal [-].
- 3859 Consistency  
If A0310E=[0] and M0300D1=[-], then M0800C must equal [-].
- 3860 Consistency  
If A1700=[1], then A1600 must equal A1900.
- 3861 Consistency  
If A1700=[2], then A1600 must be greater than A1900

- Sec. S S8055 (NY) gets 2 new options.  
Option 4 - Medicaid Managed Care, option 9 - Managed Long Term Care
- Sec. S - New Item: S7000 Dental Care
- So far, the new NY State Section S form has not been published.

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