

To: Long Term Facilities

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Re: MDS 3.0 Newsletter



MDS 3.0 Training *FREE*

- The next trainings will be held as follows:
 - Denver – July
 - Grand Junction – August
 - Loveland – September
 - Pueblo – October
- Watch the Long Term Care Portal for further information as it becomes available.
- Also, email or call Phyllis Brighton with any areas of the MDS you would like to discuss in-depth.

AREAS FOR FURTHER THOUGHT

Discharge Assessments:

- An unplanned discharge includes:
 - Acute-care transfer of the resident to a hospital or an emergency department in order to either stabilize a condition or determine whether an acute-care admission is required based on emergency department evaluation; or
 - Resident unexpectedly leaving the facility against medical advice; or
 - Resident unexpectedly deciding to go home or to another setting

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- Within 14 days after the facility determines, or should have determined, that there has been a significant change in the resident's physical or mental condition. (For purpose of this section, s "significant change" means a major decline or improvement in the resident's status that will not normally resolve itself without further intervention by staff or be implementing standard disease-related clinical interventions, that has an impact on more than one area of the resident's health status, and requires interdisciplinary review or revision of the care plan, or both.)
- **MDS 3.0 Manual – page 2-21:**
 - A Significant Change is Status Assessment (SCSA) may **not** be completed prior to an Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) Admission assessment.
 - A SCSA is required to be performed when a terminally ill resident enrolls in a hospice program (Medicare Hospice or other structured hospice) and remains a resident at the nursing home. The Assessment Reference Date (ARD) must be within 14 days from the effective date of the hospice electionA SCSA must be performed regardless of whether an assessment was recently conducted on the

resident. This is to ensure a coordinated plan of care between the hospice and nursing home is in place.

- If a resident is admitted on the hospice benefit..., the facility should complete the Admission assessment checking the Hospice Care item, O0100K. Completing an Admission assessment followed by a SCSA is not required.
- A SCSA is required to be performed when a resident is receiving hospice services and then decides to discontinue those services (known as revoking of hospice care).

INTERVIEWING YOUR RESIDENTS: MDS 3.0 Manual Page C-4

- Rules for stopping the interview before it is complete:
 - Stop the interview after completing (C0300C) “Day of the Week” if:
 - All responses have been nonsensical (i.e., any response that is unrelated, incomprehensible, or incoherent: not informative with respect to the item being rated), **OR**
 - There has been no verbal or written response to any of the questions up to this point, **OR**
 - There has been no verbal or written response to some questions up to this point and for all others, the resident has given a nonsensical response.

Contact Phyllis Brighton with your questions and findings: Phyllis.Brighton@state.co.us

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