CATEGORY 8 - JCAHO

Q1. My agency is JCAHO accredited. Do OASIS data reporting requirements apply?

A1. OASIS data reporting requirements apply to all Medicare certified HHAs, including those HHAs that are accredited by the JCAHO under the deemed status option.

Q2. Does submitting data to JCAHO for ORYX meet CMS's OASIS data reporting requirements?

A2. No. Submitting data to JCAHO for ORYX does not meet CMS's OASIS data reporting requirement. Fulfilling JCAHO's ORYX requirement does not fulfill, or exempt an agency from, the requirements of reporting OASIS data to the State.

Q3. Will the State forward the data I send it to JCAHO for ORYX?

A3. No. The HHA has the responsibility to send OASIS data to the State. Data submitted to the State are forwarded only to CMS and are not shared with JCAHO (or any other party) as specified in the System of Records Notice published in the Federal Register, June 18, 1999 (and updated on December 27, 2001). An HHA may be able to contract with the same vendor to whom it submits data for ORYX to encode and submit OASIS data to the State, on its behalf, if the vendor provides both services.