

**CMS, Division of Quality Systems for Assessments and Surveys (DQSAS)**

**MDS 3.0 Software Developer Vendor Call**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Subject: MDS 3.0 Updates Effective October 2016**

Thursday, December 10, 2015

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET

**Welcome..... Brandy Barnette, DQSAS, Facilitator**

- Welcome to the CMS MDS Software Developer / Vendor call. The purpose of this call is to provide information to MDS Software Developers and Vendors who are creating or have created software for MDS providers. The purpose of this call is to provide information on MDS updates that will be effective October 1, 2016.
- If you do not have the agenda for this call, it may be found at <https://www.qtso.com> under the Vendors link on the left navigation bar then the MDS link in the navigation bar at the top of the page.

**Data Submission Specification Updates – October 2016 ..... John Jackson, General Dynamics**

- A new DRAFT version (v1.14.0) of the MDS 3.0 item sets was posted on the CMS website. This version is scheduled to become effective October 1, 2016. There are many item changes in this version including a new section, Section GG. Also, there are two new item subsets (ISCs) for Part A PPS Discharge assessments—one is for nursing homes (NPE) and the other is for swing bed facilities (SPE). NOTE: In order to get the new ISCs, a new item, A0310H, is now part of the ISC determination (along with A0200 and the other A0310 items). Please note which items are a part of these assessment types.
- In addition, a new DRAFT version (v2.00.0) of the MDS 3.0 Data Specifications was posted. Along with the item changes and new item subsets described above, these specifications also include many edit additions/revisions and new Section S items. Because of the new A0310H item, the isc\_val table has been updated to show what combinations of A0200 and the A0310 items result in valid ISCs. Details about the changes in this version are contained in the Edit Change Report and the Item Change Report. Please note the embedded skip patterns within the new Section GG items, as items are enabled/disabled depending on whether the resident walks, uses a wheelchair, or uses a scooter. As with the item sets, this version of the data specifications is scheduled to become effective October 1, 2016.
- There will be an errata document for the data specifications, as we have noted a few changes are needed since the DRAFT data specs were published. For example the C1310 items should all have the dash as an allowed value. Also, C1310A should have the caret as an allowed value, since it is part of the B0100 Comatose skip pattern.
- Also forthcoming is a new version of the CAT specifications, which will be posted within the next month. Since the C1300 items and C1600 have been deleted and replaced with the C1310 items, the first two CATS (Delirium and Cognitive Loss/Dementia) are being revised, since their logic included the C1300 items and C1600. Please visit the MDS Technical Information web page for the new data spec package to be posted during December. The new data specifications include new Section S items.

**State Required Section S and Additional NQ and NP Items ..... Jana Linthicum, Telligen**

- FL, IL & SD will be making changes to the Section S items they are collecting.
- Revised Items:
  - Item label changes:
  - S0511; PASRR Level 1 Complete Date
- New items:
- S0509; PASRR Level 1 completed prior to admission
  - S1002; Local Health Department Reporting

- S1003; State Health Department Reporting
- S1004; Local/State Health Department Reporting
- S1150; Active TBI Diagnosis
- S3310A; Therapy Services Billed - Medicare Part A
- S3310B; Therapy Services Billed – Medicare Part B
- S3310C; Therapy Services Billed - Managed Care Entity
- S3310D; Therapy Services Billed - Medicaid
- S3310Y; Therapy Services Billed - Other
- S3310Z; Therapy Services Billed - None Of The Above
- S3315A; COPD Treatment - Oxygen
- S3315B; COPD Treatment - Inhaler/Nebulizer
- S3315C; COPD Treatment - Acute Monitoring Of Respiratory
- S3315D; COPD Treatment - Medications
- S3315Y; COPD Treatment - Other
- S3315Z; COPD Treatment - None Of The Above
- S6052; Isolation Required
- S6053A; Met Isolation Requirements Start Date
- S6053B; Met Isolation Requirements End Date
- S6201; Number of Unreported Hospital Stays
- S6211; Number of Unreported ER Visits
- New Responses
  - S9100C; VA Medicaid Room & Board initial date
    - ^ Blank (not available or unknown)
- State-specified NP and NQ items changes:
  - SD
- A document containing items collected by each state will be available on the MDS Vendor web page at <https://www.qtso.com/vendormds.html>.

**Validation Utility Tool (VUT).....John Jackson, General Dynamics**

- New data specifications mean a new Validation Utility Tool (VUT) is needed to enforce the new items and edits. Therefore, you can expect a new MDS VUT to be available in August of 2016. As always, the VUT will continue to support earlier data specification versions. No further enhancements are planned at this time.

**ASAP System Enhancements.....Jana Linthicum, Telligen**

- We will implement changes included in MDS data specs v2.00 into ASAP.
- The ASAP system will be updated to utilize the MDS 3.0 Grouper in effect 10/01/2016.
- We will incorporate the updated delirium CAA specifications into the ASAP system.
- The A0310H field (Part A PPS Discharge) and corresponding Item Subset Code (when applicable) will be added to the following reports:
  - MDS 3.0 NH Activity Report
  - MDS 3.0 NH Discharge Report
  - MDS 3.0 NH RFA Statistics Report
  - MDS 3.0 NH and SB Final Validation Report (ASAP system generated TXT and XML output reports, as well as CASPER requested)
  - MDS 3.0 Submitter Validation Report

**Discussion of Questions Submitted Prior to This Call ..... Brandy Barnette, DQSAS**

**Question 1:** When will CMS release the Section S state-by-state document so that vendors can map the new Section S items to the applicable state(s)?

**Answer 1:** The list of Section S items for each state will be posted on QTSO today.

**Question 2:** Currently in the CASPER system, a user who has submitted a MDS 3.0 file can request the final validation for that submission via the "MDS 3.0 Submitter Validation" report. Currently the report can only come back in one of three formats: csv, excel, and pdf. Could this report be updated to include an xml format that matches the new xml final validation reports that are automatically generated once a MDS 3.0 submission has been processed?

**Answer 2:** The CASPER Reporting application currently does not support creation of the user-requested reports in an XML format. We will present your suggestion to CMS for consideration as a future enhancement.

**Question 3:** C1300 is used in the CAT 2 triggers for Cognitive Loss and Dementia. Will CMS be updating the official Trigger logic to adopt C1310 answers?

**Answer 3:** Yes. The CAT specifications will be updated and once complete, the specifications will be posted on the MDS 3.0 Technical Information page on the CMS website.

**Question 4:** Section GG and A0310F are included in proposed QM changes for NEW cross-setting measures RELATED to Falls with major injury (NQF 0674), Worsening or New Pressure Ulcers (NQF 0678) and Admissions and Discharge Functional Assessment (NQF 2631). Will QM specifications for these new/revised measures be released prior to October 2016?

**ANSWER 4:** This question is not technical but a policy question and it has been forwarded to appropriate CMS staff for an answer. The vendor requesting this information will receive the answer.

**Open Q and A Session ..... Brandy Barnette, DQSAS**

**Question 1:** I have heard that beginning in October 2016, nursing homes will be required to submit staffing numbers. Is that true?

**Answer 1:** The program you are referring to is called Payroll Based Journal. That program is not the subject of today's call and we do not have the correct CMS staff on the phone to answer your questions. Please visit the following CMS website for further information at:  
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Staffing-Data-Submission-PBJ.html>

**Question 2:** With the change of C1300 to C1310, will the RUG calculation change? Does H come into play in the RUG calculator?

**Answer 2:** Those items are not part of the RUG calculation and it will not come into play with the RUG calculator.

**Question 3:** Will jRAVEN software be updated for the changes going into effect October 1, 2016?

**Answer 3:** Yes it will. The new jRAVEN version will be available in September 2016.

**Closing ..... Brandy Barnette, DQSAS**

**Thank you for participating today to keep up-to-date on the changes to the MDS 3.0 program. Please note the important resources listed at the bottom of your agenda. Send additional questions to us at the MDS technical issues email address listed below.**

**Important Resources**

**QTSO.com**

<https://www.qtso.com>

<https://www.qtso.com/vendor.html>

<https://www.qtso.com/vendormds.html>

**CMS.gov - MDS Technical Information**

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/NHQIMDS30TechnicalInformation.html>

**CMS.gov – MDS RAI Manual**

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/MDS30RAIManual.html>

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