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Subject:        Implementation of OASIS C2

Dear Administrator:

The purpose of this letter is to notify Certified Home Health Agencies (CHHAs) and Long Term Home Health Care Programs (LTHHCPs) of upcoming changes to the Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) dataset.  The OASIS C2 dataset will replace the current version (OASIS C1- ICD 10) effective January 1, 2017.  OASIS C2 version will be required for all assessments completed on or after January 1, 2017.

The OASIS C2 changes were made in order to comply with requirements for standardized, cross-setting measures for post-acute care under the Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation (IMPACT) Act of 2014.  Post-acute care providers (home health agencies, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, and long term care hospitals) are required to report standardized patient assessment data to enable data comparison across all such providers.

**OASIS C2 changes include the following:**

- Three new standardized items are added:

  M1028 Active Diagnosis- Comorbidities and Co-existing Conditions
  1-Peripheral Vascular Disease or Peripheral Arterial Disease
  2- Diabetes Mellitus
  This item identifies whether these specific diagnoses are present and active since they may influence a patient's functional outcomes or increase a patient's risk for development or worsening of pressure ulcers.

  M1060 Height and Weight Measurements
  This item supports calculation of the patient's body mass index and nutritional and hydration status.  This information may be useful in determining risk factors for impaired wound healing, development of pressure ulcers, and assessment of heart failure.

  GG0170c Mobility (Ability to safely move from lying on back to sitting on the side of bed)
  This item identifies mobility limitations specific to this task which can adversely affect wound healing and increase the risk for development of pressure ulcers.

- Modification to and renumbering of select medication and integumentary items to standardize with other post-acute settings of care:

(M1311) Current number of Unhealed Pressure Ulcers at each stage
(M1313) Worsening of Pressure Ulcers since SOC/ROC
(M2001) Drug Regimen Review
(M2003) Medication Follow-up
(M2005) Medication Intervention

- The lookback period and item number was changed in five items (M1500, M1510, M2015, M2300 and M2400).

- Formatting changes were made throughout the OASIS C2 dataset to convert multiple check boxes to a single box for data entry, where responses are mutually-exclusive, and to change the numbering for pressure ulcer staging from Roman to Arabic numerals.

**OASIS Resources:**

Clinicians performing comprehensive assessments and collecting OASIS data should utilize the OASIS C2 Guidance Manual as a resource. Chapter 3 of the manual contains item specific instructions for each OASIS item (M item) and is an excellent resource to ensure OASIS accuracy. Agencies are encouraged to print out the manual so it's accessible for clinicians.

The OASIS C2 dataset, guidance manual, and other resources are available at:
https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/HomeHealthQualityInits/HHQIOASISUserManual.html

CMS OASIS Main Page:
https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/OASIS/index.html
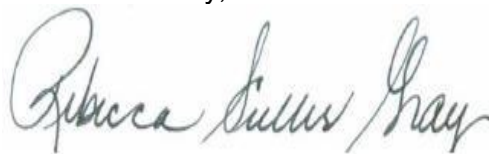
CMS OASIS Quarterly Q & As:
https://www.qtso.com/hhatrain.html

WOCN Guidance on OASIS C2 Integumentary Items:
www.wocn.org

If you have questions regarding OASIS, please send an email to: oasis@health.ny.gov

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