

NHQI Spotlights and Announcements

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IMPORTANT! Nursing Home Compare will be going away soon, but you'll still be able to find the same information about Nursing Homes/Skilled Nursing Facilities and other health care providers on Care Compare on Medicare.gov. The Provider Data Catalog also makes it easier for you to search and download our publicly reported data. Start using these tools today.

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MDS 3.0 QM User's Manual Version 14.0 Now Available

The Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Quality Measures (QM) User's Manual Version 14.0, effective October 1, 2020, is now available in the **Downloads** section of the [Quality Measures webpage](#). It contains detailed specifications for the MDS 3.0 quality measures. The MDS 3.0 QM User's Manual V13.0 is now archived, and can be found in the **Downloads** section of the [Archived: Quality Measures](#) webpage.

May 15, 2020

MDS 3.0 Item Sets Version 1.17.2 and Related Technical Data Specifications Now Available

In response to State Medicaid Agency and stakeholder requests, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has updated the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 item sets (version 1.17.2) and related technical data specifications. These changes will support the calculation of Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) payment codes on Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) assessments when not combined with the 5-day Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) assessment, specifically the OBRA comprehensive (NC) and OBRA quarterly (NQ) assessment item sets, which was not possible with item set version 1.17.1. This will allow State Medicaid Agencies to collect and compare Resource Utilization Group (RUG)-III/IV payment codes to PDPM codes and thereby inform their future payment models.

The changes to the technical data specifications that support these modifications are contained in the Errata v3.00.4 which can be accessed in the file: MDS 3.0 data specs errata (v3.00.7) Final 02-01-2021 on the MDS 3.0 Technical Information page. Supporting materials including the 1.17.2 Item Change History report and the revised 1.17.2 Item Sets can be accessed in the file: MDS 3.0 Final Item Sets v1.17.2 for October 1 2020 zip also posted on the [MDS 3.0 Technical Information](#) page.

Please confirm with your State Medicaid Agency if your State will be requiring the calculation of the PDPM payment codes on the OBRA assessments when not combined with a 5-day SNF PPS assessment.