

# Nevada Long-Term Care Update

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This will be a year of many changes, including a portion of Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0, the Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) process and the addition of *six* new Quality Measures. The mandatory phase of Payroll Based Journal (PBJ) for staffing has recently been implemented.

These changes may fill some with fear and anxiety and have you asking, “What should we do?!?!?!”

The best answer is to *educate* — and the education doesn’t have to be expensive. Sometimes it’s even free! Take advantage of webinars and seminars to provide the education. There are many newsletters that offer subscribers free webinars and other online education activities. Do your own research on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) website at <https://www.cms.gov/>.

## CMS MDS Changes are Just Around the Corner!

Beginning October 1, 2016, MDS 3.0 Nursing Home Comprehensive (NC) Version 1.14.1 will include a new section: Section GG.

This section will address the goals of the resident at the time of admission as well as for the planned discharge. Section GG will need to be completed with every PPS five-day assessment, whether it is the resident’s first assessment or fourth re-assessment.

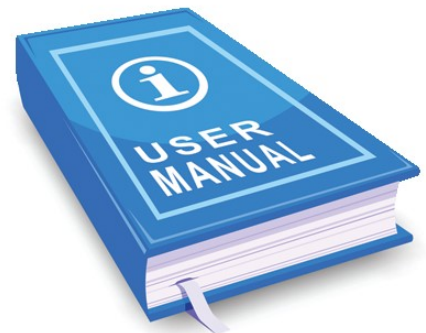
If the resident transfers to the hospital (unplanned discharge), Section GG is not required to be completed. When they return, Section GG (admission) must be completed.

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## New Quality Measures are Coming!

The MDS 3.0 QM User’s Manual Version 10 has been posted. The manual contains detailed specifications for the MDS 3.0 Quality Measures and can be found in the Downloads section at the bottom of the CMS Quality Measures website: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/NHQIQualityMeasures.html>



A new draft of the Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Manual Version 1.14 has been posted in the Related Links section on the CMS MDS 3.0 RAI Manual website: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursinghomeQualityInits/MDS30RAIManual.html>

Users can preview significant changes before they become effective October 1, 2016. There are many item set changes, including the new Chapter 3, Section GG: Functional Abilities and Goals. Chapter 2 and Chapter 3, Section A provide information on the new Part A Prospective Payment System (PPS) Discharge assessment. The draft manual is a single PDF file with bookmarks you can click which will take you to each section of the manual. It also includes the manual chapters, sections, appendices, and the change tables that crosswalk the changes made to v1.14. However, it does not include Appendices F and H or replacement pages, which will be published with the final version 1.14 in September 2016.

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## MDS CHANGES continued

The purpose of Section GG is to paint an accurate picture of the actual level of function the resident has upon admission to the long-term care facility. In addition, this section addresses the resident's admission goals as well as their discharge goals.

Since the terminology and scenarios are different from Section G, all members of the interdisciplinary team will need to work closely to ensure appropriate coding of Section GG.

Education is key here so make sure all your long-term staff members are familiar with this new section and how/when to complete it.

See the announcement below about the Brown Bag Training series covering Section GG and several other topics.

## QM USER'S MANUAL continued

An updated errata (V2.00.3) was posted for draft version V2.00.0 of the MDS 3.0 Data Specifications, which are scheduled to go into effect on October 1, 2016. Four additional issues have been identified. Note that errata documents will now be assigned a version number for clarity. The minor number (last digit on the right) will be incremented each time the errata is updated. As this is the third release of the errata for the V2.00.0 data specifications, it is V2.00.3. This document may be found in the "Downloads" section at the bottom of the CMS MDS 3.0 Technical Information website: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/QualityInitiativesPatientAssessmentInstruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/NHQIMDS30TechnicalInformation.html>

The PBJ system went into mandatory use phase on July 1, 2016. The PBJ Policy Manual (V2.1) and PBJ Policy Manual FAQs are available for download at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/QualityInitiativesPatientAssessmentInstruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/StaffingDataSubmissionPBJ.html>



## Brown Bag Training

Join us on Tuesday, October 18, to learn about these *hot* topics :

- ⇒ NV Supportive Documentation Guidelines/Medicaid Case Mix Verification Review
- ⇒ Changes to MDS Assessments
- ⇒ New Quality Measures

Morning and Afternoon sessions  
in Carson City and Las Vegas!

Nursing and Social Worker continuing education hours will be provided if you submit the post-test with your name, credentials and license number.

**Seating is limited so call (775) 684-3619 to save your spot.**

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## Upcoming LTC Advisory Council meetings

Assisted Living  
Advisory Council

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Skilled Nursing  
Advisory Council

December 6



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