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The North Carolina News is published to keep all interested parties current on North Carolina Case Mix Reimbursement. Its goal is to provide information on major issues, work groups, and upcoming activities. The articles presented here are only a synopsis of the topics and are not intended to present a complete analysis of the issues.



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Website Update



Beginning in 2009, all of the valuable resources you are used to seeing at www.mslc.com, will be moved to: <http://nc.mslc.com>.

This website will contain many helpful items, including:

- Seminar Dates & Locations
- Seminar Registration Link
- Newsletters
- Data Collection Tools
- MDS Validation Documentation Standards
- CMI Listing Report and Transmission Schedule



Hot off the Press

The 2009 CMI Listing Report and Transmission Schedule calendar is **NOW AVAILABLE!** We have included it on the third page of this newsletter. You can also find it on our current website (www.mslc.com)



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Stay Informed

We are requesting all interested parties (facility consultants, vendors, corporate office staff and individual MDS nurses) who wish to receive announcements such as seminar notifications to submit an email address to NCHELPDESK@mslc.com. Please type "**subscribe**" in the subject line. In the body of message please include your full name, title, phone number and facility/company name.



Original Records (Second Announcement)

Effective immediately, only original, legal medical records will be accepted for the MDS validation review. Copies of records, such as ADL flow sheets, will not be accepted.

MDS 3.0 Timeline

CMS Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Implementation Timeline

More 411

What else is new with the MDS 3.0?

**July 25
2008**

Post RAND MDS 3.0 final report, timeline, and MDS 2.0/3.0 crosswalk on cms.hhs.gov

**October 1
2008**

Publish draft data specifications for the potential universe of 3.0 data items and their values (codes). The data specifications form the foundation of the MDS 3.0 database structure and include the identification of data elements, data fields, and file names

**March 1
2009**

- Publish final MDS 3.0 Data Specifications (includes final data items identified by the CMMRUG analysis)
- Publish final MDS 3.0 forms (includes decisions on what data items are included in the Admission, Quarterly, Swing Bed and Discharge MDSs)
- Publish final Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Manual for coding instructions
- Publish RAP, Quality Measure and Quality Indicator selections



**May
2009**

- Satellite broadcast (1 of 3) – Clinical Coding Instructions from the RAI Manual
- RAI and Technical Conference: State Survey, Medicaid & Automation Staff – Train-the-Trainer Materials
- NH Stakeholder Train-the-Trainer Conference

**June
2009**

Satellite broadcast (2 of 3) – Survey Process and MDS 3.0

**August
2009**

Satellite broadcast (3 of 3) – Coding Payment Items

**October 1
2009**

MDS 3.0 Implementation Initiating: National data collection using MDS 3.0; SNF PPS based on MDS 3.0 data; and National data collection of Quality Measures using MDS 3.0 data items

**June
2010**

First opportunity to post QMs based on MDS 3.0

The October release of the draft data specifications and a new draft form by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) provided the vendors with the information needed to create software for MDS 3.0, scheduled to replace the current version on October 1, 2009.

The draft data specifications include:

- ♦ "the universe of 3.0 data items and their values (codes)"
- ♦ items that may or may not be used in the final version of the 3.0 as they are still being reviewed
- ♦ the foundation for the payment categories of the Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System which relies entirely on MDS information



The recent MDS 3.0 vs MDS 2.0 crosswalk identified items that are new, reworked, unchanged or removed for the MDS 3.0. We saw the debut of a new numbering system during this August posting as well. The numbering would allow for easier addition and deletion of items among other advantages.

MDS forms with instructions, final data specifications and Resident Assessment Protocols are scheduled for release March 1, 2009.

Handle With Care

Reminder: Resident information is considered **Protected Health Information (PHI)**. Email is not a secure format for transmitting this type of sensitive information. Please consult your HIPAA Security Officer for more information.



Facilities will be notified when state training on the new MDS 3.0 will be available.

2009 North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance CMI Listing Report & Transmission Schedule

January 2009						
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Tan Day of Month
Transmission date for Preliminary CMI Listing Reports is no earlier than 15th.

Blue Day of Month
Preliminary CMI Listing reports are mailed to providers

Yellow Day of Month
Final Transmission date for Final CMI Listing reports and the cut off date for payer type corrections to be received by Myers and Stauffer

Green Day of Month
Final CMI Listing reports are transferred to NC DMA for mailing with the CMI rate letters.