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## Point In Time for MDS Validation Reviews

Upon notification of a MDS Validation review, a question we commonly hear is, "Which quarter will be reviewed?" Unfortunately, this question cannot be answered at the time of the notification call. The point-in-time will not be revealed until the entrance conference of the review. It may be the most current or the state may decide an alternate quarter should be reviewed. The specific records requested remain unknown until the RN Reviewer opens the facility file on her laptop while on the property. As all quarters affect rates, all quarters are subject to review.



## MDS Submission Login System



Beginning in May 2009 and ending in January 2010, the conversion from shared login IDs to personal login IDs will be rolled out at the state level. For more detailed information on this topic or to view the deployment schedule by state, please go to [https://www.qtso.com/download/Conversion Personal Login IDs.pdf](https://www.qtso.com/download/Conversion%20Personal%20Login%20IDs.pdf).

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# MDS 3.0 Implementation Timeline for October 2010

April/May 2009 – SNF PPS NPRM published in the Federal Register

May 2009 – NQF Call for Quality Measures (MDS 2.0)

July 31, 2009 – Final SNF PPS published in Federal Register

October 2009 –

- Publish final MDS 3.0 Data Specifications (including RUGs, RAP triggers and QM/QIs)
- Publish MDS 3.0 data elements (includes Admission, Quarterly, Swing Bed and Discharge MDSs)
- Publish MDS 3.0 Long-Term Care Facility Resident Assessment Instrument User's Manual

December 2009 – NQF Endorsement of Quality Measures (MDS 2.0)

January 2010 – NQF Call for Quality Measures (MDS 3.0)

February/March 2010 – Train-the-Trainer Educational Forums

- RAI and Technical Conference(s)
- NH Stakeholders
- State Survey and State Medicaid agencies

April/May 2010 –

- SNF PPS NPRM published in the Federal Register
- Training Addendum

June 2010 – Training Addendum

July 2010 – Final SNF PPS published in Federal Register

August 2010 – Training Addendum

September 2010 – NQF Endorsement of Quality Measures (3.0)

October 1, 2010 – 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 QMs/QIs using MDS 3.0 data items

April 2011 – Begin analysis of MDS 3.0 quality measure data

July 2011 – Complete Analysis of MDS 3.0 quality measure data

October 2011 – Begin public reporting using MDS 3.0 data



## Dear Patty...

The "Dear Patty..." column is a regular feature in each issue of the *North Carolina News*. Patty Padula, Myers and Stauffer's RN consultant, will discuss questions that are frequently answered by our staff. We welcome your questions for future issues.



### Dear Patty:

*Q: How should I code "unattended therapy" and will it be supported for the MDS Validation Review?*

*A: Licensed therapy (PT, OT, ST) that is reported as "unattended" will not be supported for the MDS Validation Review. Therapy services reported on the MDS must be direct therapy days and minutes. In addition, therapy services must be either provided by or directly supervised (in line of sight) by a licensed therapist.*



Specific MDS coding questions should be referred to Cindy Deporter, State RAI Coordinator.

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

*Welcome to  
Myers and Stauffer*

**Kathy Farley, RN** joined the firm May 2009 and brings many years of Long Term Care experience as well as many years of case mix review experience.



For the latest newsletters, resources, seminar updates and documentation standards, please visit our new and improved website at <http://nc.mslc.com>.

## ***Action Required: Broadband Change***

### **Quick Step Instructions for Changing from HMDS to ANRMS**

Note: These instructions can be accessed at [https://www.qtso.com/download/hmnds\\_to\\_anrms.pdf](https://www.qtso.com/download/hmnds_to_anrms.pdf)

CMS requires that all HMDS Broadband login profiles must be moved to the ANRMS Broadband account by June 19, 2009. The HMDS account ID's will be disabled on June 19, 2009. In order to continue to connect to the MDCN using the AT&T Client to submit MDS, OASIS, In Patient Rehab or Swing bed, and Critical Care Assessments you will need to change to the ANRMS account.

These Quick Step instructions will assist you in adding your ANRMS account ID. You will use the SAME login profile – ONLY the account will change.

**Step One:** Ensure you have the AT&T Client Managed VPN Version 7.2 or newer.

**Step Two: Make note of your login profile** – you WILL use the SAME ID. You will NOT use the same PASSWORD – more on this later. **Examples of Login Profiles:** H@numbers, IRFnumbers, SWBnumbers, CAHnumbers.

**Step Three:** Open the AT&T Client, under **Settings** (left side of client screen) select **“Show the Login Properties Window”**.

**Step Four:** While viewing the **“General Tab”**, under **Network Services** you will see your Account, User ID, and Network Service - select the **“Configure”** button to the right.

**Step Five:** If you do not see the USER ID Page – select the next button. On the USER ID PAGE – the **Account** should be **ANRMS** – if it is not Change it to ANRMS. DO NOT CHANGE THE USER ID.

**Step Six:** Select the **“Advanced Login Properties”** button. You should now see the Network page – select **“DEFAULT” (recommended)**.

**Step Seven:** All other setting should remain the same – click next on each page until you reach the finish selection, select finish and OK.

**Step Eight:** Click the big green **“Connect”** button – Log in as if you were using a NEW ID. (Password will NOT match your old password). You will be prompted to change the password. Change it and you should be connected as usual.

More detailed Step by Step instructions and links to the software download can be found at <https://www.qtso.com/mdcn.html>.

**Reminder:** On February 1st, 2009, CMS began to discontinue dial-up accounts. To access the MDCN network, you must now use broadband; either directly or through a modem to an Internet Service Provider. If you are not connecting to the MDCN via broadband, your access may be discontinued at any time without further notice.

(Information obtained from [www.qtso.com](http://www.qtso.com), posted on 05/26/2009)

## ***Payer Source Corrections***

Please remember that beginning with Case Mix Index Reports for the Point-in-Time 3/31/2009, all payer source corrections must be received in the Myers and Stauffer office at the address below by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the third month following the Point-in-Time date. Any payer source corrections received in the Myers and Stauffer office after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the third month following the Point-in-Time date will not be processed or included in determining your final case mix index used for calculating your Medicaid rate.

To obtain an updated CMI Listing Report and Transmission Schedule indicating the new cut-off dates for payer type corrections to be received by Myers and Stauffer, please visit our website at <http://nc.mslc.com>, select **“Resources”** and open the folder titled **“Calendar”**.

You are encouraged to send your Case Mix Index Reports with any payment source corrections by means of an overnight delivery service or other trackable means. The Preliminary Case Mix Index Reports with any payment source corrections should be sent to:

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