

Important Update Information 8/30/11 from Office of Health Care Quality,

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Re: RAI/MDS 3.0 requirements for Documentation for Residents of SNF/NF centers who have been evacuated and or transferred to another SNF/NF during the recent Emergency/Disaster (Hurricane Irene).

This office has received inquiries as to appropriate actions in documenting evacuations/stays/returns of residents from facilities that determined that such moves were in the best interest of the residents. In general, all documentation in the resident record should be consistent with entity specific emergency policies and procedures.

The requirements for the MDS 3.0 for either Medicare or Medicaid certified bed residents are noted in the RAI Manual Section 2.3 (Emergency Transfers). After consultation with the Regional Office and State Agency Office, it is determined that the directions contained in that section of the manual are to be followed as stated.

In summary : The Evacuating facility must complete a Discharge Return Anticipated with discharge date as the date resident left. The Receiving facility should do an Entry tracking form for the resident received. The facilities then have 14 days to determine if the resident will be able to return to the original evacuating facility. If so, the receiving facility will do a Discharge – Return not Anticipated, the resident returns to the original facility and the MDS cycle continues as though the resident had never left.

If for some reason the resident or residents are not able to return within the 15 day window; please refer to Section K of the DHHS, CMS,FAQs pages as per the attached document. This document also gives information about other questions that may arise due to this recent disaster situation, including payment and assessments other than the MDS 3.0.

For specific information on any other requirements for Medicaid residents please contact Jane Sacco at the Maryland Medicaid Office ; saccoj@dhmh.state.md.us.
