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Re: Updates to MDS Section S Reporting

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Last year (January, 2012) we sent to you a letter regarding the need for accurate and timely reporting of the Minimum Data Set (MDS) Section S (state-specific) data. We want to inform you of some updates to the Section S data reporting. This is in response to issues raised by providers in situations where reporting was unclear. Hopefully, these guidelines will clarify reporting. Since these changes become effective October 1, 2013, we want to make sure you and the software vendors know about these changes.

Attached is an updated spreadsheet for Section S reporting. The changes are as follows:

1. Redefining the categories for education (S0130) as follows:
 1. No schooling
 2. 8th grade or less
 3. Some high school
 4. High school graduate/GED
 5. Technical or trade school
 6. Some college/Associate's degree
 7. Bachelor's degree
 8. Graduate degree
 - (-) Not assessed/no information

2. Changing the timeframes for reporting as follow s:

Variable	2012	2013
S0101	NT Tracking	NC Comp; ND discharge; NSD OMRA Start of Therapy+ Discharge; NOD-OMRA Other+ Discharge
S0111	NC Comp	NC Comp; ND discharge; NSD OMRA Start of Therapy+ Discharge; NOD-OMRA Other+ Discharge
S0120	NC Comp	NC Comp; ND discharge; NSD OMRA Start of Therapy+ Discharge; NOD-OMRA

		Other+ Discharge
S0122	NC Comp	NC Comp; ND discharge; NSD OMRA Start of Therapy+ Discharge; NOD-OMRA Other+ Discharge
S0123	NC Comp	NC Comp; ND discharge; NSD OMRA Start of Therapy+ Discharge; NOD-OMRA Other+ Discharge
S0130	NC Comp	NC Comp; ND discharge; NSD OMRA Start of Therapy+ Discharge; NOD-OMRA Other+ Discharge
S0180	ND Discharge	NC Comp; ND discharge; NSD OMRA Start of Therapy+ Discharge; NOD-OMRA Other+ Discharge
S8000A3	NC Comp; ND Discharge	NC Comp; NQ Quarterly; ND discharge; NSD OMRA Start of Therapy+ Discharge; NOD-OMRA Other+ Discharge
S8010B3	NC Comp; ND Discharge	NC Comp; NQ Quarterly; ND discharge; NSD OMRA Start of Therapy+ Discharge; NOD-OMRA Other+ Discharge
S8020A3	NC Comp; ND Discharge	NC Comp; NQ Quarterly; ND discharge; NSD OMRA Start of Therapy+ Discharge; NOD-OMRA Other+ Discharge
S8030C	NC Comp; ND Discharge	NC Comp; NQ Quarterly; ND discharge; NSD OMRA Start of Therapy+ Discharge; NOD-OMRA Other+ Discharge
S8040D3	NC Comp; ND Discharge	NC Comp; NQ Quarterly; ND discharge; NSD OMRA Start of Therapy+ Discharge; NOD-OMRA Other+ Discharge

See Attached Section S instrument for specific details.

Once again, we would like to reiterate how important the accurate and timely reporting of this data is. This data is important as it supplies essential resident information, such as their source of admission and discharge, payer source, and other demographic data. This data is used to analyze utilization patterns, including where Maryland residents go to receive nursing home care, and project future community need for long term care services. The Office of Health Care Quality, in conjunction with the Maryland Health Care Commission requests that ALL Maryland nursing facilities complete the Section S items.

Should you have any questions about this policy, please contact Lee Ann Stevens, RN, at the Office of Health Care Quality, at leeann.stevens@maryland.gov or Linda Cole, Chief, Long Term Care Policy and Planning, Maryland Health Care Commission at linda.cole@maryland.gov or 410-764-3337. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Enclosure