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CMS Open Door Forum Highlight

The CMS net program will be updated with a new security system on March 29th that will not allow users to have access to their folders and printers.

CMS has contracted with Acumen, LLC and the Brookings Institution to identify potential alternatives to the existing methodology used to pay for therapy services under the SNF PPS. As an initial step, the project will review past research studies and policy issues, related to SNF PPS therapy payment and options for improving or replacing the current system of paying for SNF therapy services. CMS is accepting comments and ideas regarding SNF therapy payments. These may be submitted anytime to: SNFTherapyPayments@cms.hhs.gov.

MDS Updates Coming Soon

Updates to the MDS manual will be posted to the QTSO website by the end of April. The updates are expected to be posted to the CMS RAI manual website by early May.

MDS Coding of Quadriplegia:

In order to code I5100, Quadriplegia on the MDS, there must be a physician documented diagnosis of Quadriplegia. There is no need to define this in the MDS. Physicians are the ones to make a diagnoses according to their assessment of the patient. Quadriplegia, as defined medically, is an injury to the spinal cord at the C1-C8 levels that cause total paralysis of all four limbs (arms and legs).



MDS PROCESS

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If an individual has a quadriplegia that is secondary to a debilitating disease such as Cerebral Palsy, it is the primary diagnosis that is coded. That is, Cerebral Palsy gets coded because the diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy includes any functional deficit associated be it spastic hemiplegia, spastic quadriplegia, etc. If there is functional quadriplegia that is a secondary result of a debilitating disease like severe arthritis, the primary diagnosis is Arthritis, and that is what is checked off on the MDS. If so desired, the facility can code functional quadriplegia in item I8000 by entering the appropriate ICD code in the spaces provided.

MDS 3.0 Data Specifications and Item Sets for October 2013:

Regarding MDS 3.0, a new version (V1.13.0) of the data submission specs was posted to the CMS website. This version is scheduled to become effective October 1, 2013. Version 1.13.0 is draft and is subject to change until the final specifications are published.

Additional details are available at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Downloads/MDS30TechnicalSpecsVersionHistory.zip>.

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