

# Meeting Minutes

## CMS OASIS C2 Software Developer/Vendor Call

June 29, 2017  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

### Welcome..... Shamire Casselle, CMS

Welcome to the CMS OASIS C2 Software Developer/Vendor Call. The purpose of this call is to provide information to HHA software developers and vendors who are creating or have created software for Home Health providers. We will be discussing changes to OASIS effective January 1, 2018, as well as anticipated HH-PPS Grouper updates effective October 1, 2017.

### Data Submission Specification Updates – January 2018..... John Jackson, GDIT

- A new version of the OASIS Data Specifications (v2.21.0) was posted on the OASIS Data Specifications page. These specifications go into effect on January 1, 2018.
- No new items were added in this version; however, as usual, the item set version code (ITM\_SET\_VRSN\_CD) and spec version code (SPEC\_VRSN\_CD) items each have an additional valid value.
- The big news is the addition of **edit -5480 for item M0063\_MEDICARE\_NUM, which replaces edits -3040 and -3050**. This new edit allows the entry of either the new Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) or the current Medicare Number in the M0063 item. It is important to note that edit -5480 does NOT go into effect until April 1, 2018. Until that time, edits -3040 and -3050 will remain. It is anticipated that edit -5480 will remain in effect until the end of 2019, when the transition period will end; only MBIs will be accepted beginning in 2020.
- Since the posting of the data specs, two issues arose, as documented in the errata V2.21.1. In the first issue, three items were added to the Calculation section of the data specs. However, the good news is that these are for CMS internal use and do not affect submissions. The other issue, however, is the addition of edit -5490, which ensures that the item M2010\_HIGH\_RISK\_DRUG\_EDCTN is not left blank (i.e., does not have the caret [^] as a valid value) when the answer to item M2001\_DRUG\_RGMN\_RVW is equal to [0] (i.e., No - no issues found during review).
- As always, please check the OASIS Data Specification page regularly in case there are updates to the specifications.

### Validation Utility Tool (VUT) Updates..... John Jackson, GDIT

- As should be expected, the OASIS VUT will be updated to reflect the new data specifications. It is expected that the new version will be made available sometime in November.
- Please note that the VUT will contain the necessary code to handle the transition to edit -5480 in April 2018. An additional VUT release will not be necessary.
- Per CMS direction, and effective with the next VUT release, the VUT will no longer perform a comparison of ICD codes from assessment items to a master list and provide a warning if the ICD is not found. ICDs will continue to be validated for formatting, as is done in ASAP.
- As always, the VUT will continue to support older data specification versions in order to provide error-checking for corrections to older assessments.

**ASAP System and CASPER Report Enhancements..... Jana Linthicum, Telligen**

- The ASAP system will be enhanced to accommodate the changes in the data specifications.
- The October 2017 Home Health Resource Grouper or HHRG in effect January 1, 2018 will be incorporated into the ASAP system.
- The ASAP system will include the new MBI edit. Beginning April 1, 2018, the Health Insurance Claim Number or HICN, Railroad Retirement Board number or RRB or the Medicare Beneficiary ID or MBI can be submitted in item M0063 (Patient Medicare Number). Following the end of the SSNRI transition period, which is currently December 31, 2019, the ASAP system will reject any OASIS record that contains a value other than the MBI in item M0063.
- HHA Roster report will be updated to remove the Date of Last Report Generation field and data
- Error -915 Patient Information Mismatch warning message will be updated to return on the final validation report when the submitted MBI Number is different than the MBI Number value for the patient on the national resident table and the table is updated.
- OASIS Assessment Print report will be updated to display the HICN/MBI Indicator field. This field indicates the type of value that was submitted in M0063 (HICN/RRB or MBI Number).

**HH-PPS Grouper – Effective Date 10/01/2017 ..... Anne Boucher / Lyn Wyskiel, 3M**

Proposed summary of changes for the Home Health Prospective Payment System

This document describes the proposed clinical logic and software changes effective October 1, 2017 in the Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH-PPS) version 6217.

Clinical Content Changes:

- New ICD-10 diagnosis codes effective for October 1, 2017 are added to the Home Health grouper with Diagnostic Groups and NRS Groups assigned to applicable codes.
- ICD-10 diagnosis codes that are deleted effective October 1, 2017 are removed from the Home Health grouper.
- ICD-10 diagnosis codes with revised code descriptions effective October 1, 2017 are updated.
- Updated Diagnostic Group assignment for ICD-10 diagnosis code C70.0.
- Removed the Diagnostic Group assignment for ICD-10 diagnosis codes L97.501 – L97.509, L97.801 – L97.809 due to unspecified site of chronic ulcer.

Documentation Changes:

- Updated version table for identification and effective date.

Technical Changes:

- OASIS validation edit log messaging in v6217 was updated with OASIS C v2.20 edit indexes and descriptions where appropriate.

**Open Q and A Session ..... Shamire Casselle, CMS**

**Q:** Sharon Hamilton from Briggs Corporation asked when CMS will release the item sets that will have the version to see the format of items and show the time points on the third page?

**A:** Shamire stated that since it is a policy question and there is nobody on the policy team on the call that Sharon put her question in an email and submit it to the QIES technical issues mailbox at OASISTECHISSUES@cms.hhs.gov.

**Q:** Eric Cross from Ability Network asked if there is an approximate date when the final Grouper software would be released?

**A:** The Grouper software will be released July 21, 2017 for October 2017.

**Q:** The VUT will not be updated for ICD-10, will the VUT be updated for the -5490 integrity edits?

**A:** John Jackson stated you will see that VUT update in November because the spec changes will go into effect January 1, 2018.

**Q:** Where do we find more information how to best understand the technology and how do we as Vendors get notified of the Grouper software release?

**A:** Lyn from 3M responded once it is publicly available, it is posted on the CMS website. On the CMS website, you can email <mailto:Groupersupport@mmm.com>. There is also documentation published with the software on how to install the file.

**Q:** Rhonda Oakes from Change Healthcare asked when printing/viewing the OASIS assessment and we follow the standard for social security number of masking \*\* \*\* 1234, will there be guidance for masking the new MBI number for views/prints since it has 11 characters?

**A:** The current requirement states we are applying the same procedures for masking as we do the HICN. The exact language is:

“MBI’s included in all information exchanges shall adhere to the existing CMS privacy policies, including using appropriate masking and redaction to ensure the MBI is not compromised.”

If currently masking the HICN today, they can continue masking moving forward.

More information can be found here:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/SSNRI/Providers/Providers.html>

**Closing Comments ..... Shamire Casselle, CMS**

Thanks to today’s speakers for their presentations, and to all participants for dialing in to learn about the changes coming up for OASIS. We hope you have found the information presented helpful. Please send any technical questions to OASIS Technical Issues Mailbox [OASISTECHISSUES@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:OASISTECHISSUES@cms.hhs.gov). Please note the important resources listed at the bottom of today’s agenda, which will also be included in the meeting minutes, which will be posted, along with the OASIS Q&A, on the Vendor - OASIS Information Page <https://www.qtso.com/vendoroasis.html> under the heading “OASIS C2 Software Developer/Vendor Call”.

## Important Resources

QTSO.com

<https://www.gtso.com>

<https://www.gtso.com/vendorsoasis.html>

<https://www.gtso.com/hhdownload.html>

CMS.gov – OASIS

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/OASIS/index.html?redirect=/oasis/>

CMS.gov – OASIS Data Set (Item Set)

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/HomeHealthQualityInits/OASIS-Data-Sets.html>

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/HomeHealthQualityInits/HHQIOASISDataSet.html>

CMS.gov – OASIS Data Specifications

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/OASIS/DataSpecifications.html>

CMS.gov – OASIS User Manuals

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/HomeHealthQualityInits/HHQIOASISUserManual.html>