



## October 2024 CMS Quarterly OASIS Q&As

### Category 1

**Question 1: With OASIS data collection required for all patients regardless of payer starting July 1, 2025, will all OASIS data be used for quality or payment initiatives?**

**Answer 1:** CMS will analyze and monitor the all-payer OASIS data before making any decisions on if, how, and when the data may be used.

Any updates will be announced on the [HHQRP Spotlight and Announcement](#) webpage and/or through future rulemaking.

### Category 2

**Question 2: When a new Start of Care (SOC) OASIS is required for an active home health patient due to a payer change, is an RN required to complete the SOC OASIS if multiple disciplines are active at the time of the new SOC?**

**Answer 2:** When an active patient is receiving both nursing and rehabilitation therapy services and experiences a payer change mid-episode that requires a new Start of Care (SOC) OASIS, CMS recommends, but does not require, that the RN complete the SOC comprehensive assessment including OASIS.

### Category 4

#### A1250

**Question 3: If a patient uses an interpreter to provide the responses for the OASIS item A1250 - Transportation, does this mean the patient is unable to respond, and both Code X - Patient unable to respond and the information obtained from the interpreter should be coded?**

**Answer 3:** When a patient responds in their preferred language with the use of an interpreter, this is considered a patient response. You would not code X - Patient unable to respond. Patients may respond to questions in English, or in their preferred language with the assistance of an interpreter.

*This document is intended to provide guidance on OASIS questions that were received by CMS help desks. Responses contained in this document may be time-limited and may be superseded by guidance published by CMS at a later date.*

**O0110**

**Question 4: Should laryngectomy care be coded under O0110E1 - Tracheostomy care?**

**Answer 4:** Laryngectomy care is included in O0110E1 - Tracheostomy care.