

CMS OASIS Software Developer/Vendor Call Minutes

Thursday, February 12, 2026

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (ET)

Welcome.....Shawna Haley, CMS

Welcome and thank you for joining the CMS OASIS Software Developer/Vendor Call. The purpose of this call is to provide information to OASIS software developers and vendors who are creating or have created software for Home Health providers. On this call, we will discuss the updates to the technical data submission specifications, iQIES submission processing system, and the Validation Utility tool for April 1, 2026. We also plan to discuss the submitted Q&As and if time allows, we will have an open Q&A session.

A few quick reminders before we start, this meeting will be recorded for note taking purposes. If you are not speaking, please keep yourself muted. If you have a question, please feel free to post it utilizing the Q&A function. If you would like to ask your question live, please let us know utilizing the Q&A, so we can help you unmute.

Also please note that this is our first time hosting the vendor call as a webinar on Microsoft Teams, so we appreciate your patience as we navigate this tool transition.

OASIS-E2 Data Specifications.....John Jackson, GDIT

New data specs (V3.02.0) are now available on the OASIS Data Specifications page. When first posted, the download link for the specs was mislabeled OASIS E2 Data Spec PDF Files (V3.02.0) DRAFT (ZIP). The ZIP contained all the embedded zips as provided in previous releases. These specs apply to the new OASIS E2 item set. The specs are FINAL, not DRAFT, because they will be in production early! The implementation date is April 1, 2026!

What's new in items?

- ITM_SET_VRSN_CD new value: E2-042026. NOTE: There is a typo in the version notes stating "E1-042026" – it is correct elsewhere.
- SPEC_VRSN_CD new value: 3.02 (of course).
- A0810 (Sex), which replaces the M0069 gender item.
- A1110A language items and B0200 (hearing) and B1000 (vision) are added to RFA 03.
- The A1250 transportation checklist items have been replaced by A1255.
- The dash is now an allowed value on D0150 frequency items.

What's new in edits?

- 12 new edits, but 14 edits deleted!
- The edit changes are all related to the item changes mentioned above.
- Please review the new edits for the D0150 items, since the dash will now be allowed.
- Review the item change and edit change reports for details.

iQIES Submission System & Validation Utility Tool (VUT) updates.....Elizabeth Kowal, ICF

On April 1, 2026, the iQIES submission processing system and VUT will process records with a target date on or after 4/01/2026 using version 3.02.0 of the OASIS Data Specifications. iQIES will continue to process records with a target date prior to April 1, 2026 using the appropriate set of data specifications in effect for the target date of the submitted record. OASIS version 3.02.0 is now available in the VUT for testing.

Discussion of Submitted Q&As.....Jermama Keys, CMS

QUESTION: Will CMS consider revising J1900B and J1900C in the FINAL OASIS E2 Data Set instruments to include the injuries example definitions as they always have in the past?

Additional context:

Home health clinicians completing the OASIS items within their comprehensive assessments have come to rely on the example definitions being visible within item J1900B: Injury (except major) and J1900C: Major injury. Simply stating in the official dataset item language for these two response options--- “as described in the OASIS manual’ --- does not promote clinical ease of use, and is an example of increased burden, as the clinician more than likely will not have the definitions memorized and will need to reference the definitions from either the actual OASIS E2 Guidance manual or some other reference source outside of the response options available within J1900 in the OASIS E2 data set instrument.

This is especially concerning as CMS just recently (January 2026) revised the language for the definitions in J1900B and J1900C, and additionally broadened the definition for Major Injury.

This was done in follow-up to the recent release of the Respecified Falls with Major Injury Measure, which will now be a hybrid measure calculating on BOTH OASIS data and claims data, and is being implemented by CMS in follow-up to a CY 2023 OIG report that noted that over half of all falls with major injury were not reported on the OASIS. So it will be very important for HHAs to be in compliance with the new definitions for fall, injury except

major and Major injury, and to focus on improving their identification and reporting of Falls with Major injury on the OASIS.

ANSWER:

J1900 response description changes

- The wording of response options (b) and (c) for J1900 Number of Falls Since SOC/ROC have been modified. The modified J1900 item can be viewed in the OASIS-E2 All Item OASIS instrument posted 12/11/2025 on the OASIS User Manuals webpage on the HHQRP site. The modified version of J1900 will be reflected in the final OASIS-E2 Guidance Manual and all relevant final instrument version files (all item, transfer, death at home, discharge).

Addition of A1110 to ROC timepoint

- A1110 – Language is being added to the Resumption of Care (ROC) timepoint, effective with the OASIS-E2 April 1, 2026 implementation. This addition will be reflected in the final OASIS-E2 Guidance Manual and the final ROC version of the instrument.

Static Q&A update

- The CMS OASIS Q&As posted on the QTSO site <https://qtso.cms.gov/providers/home-health-agency-hha-providers/reference-manuals> will be updated from the OASIS-E1 set (dated 11/2024) to the OASIS-E2 set. The updated set of OASIS Q&As will be posted concurrently with the final OASIS-E2 Guidance Manual by March 1st for April 1st implementation.

The response to both these questions will be again in a future Q&A and is as followed. In order to accurately code the OASIS assessments or the OASIS assessment items, the home health staff must have an understanding of the OASIS items, including the coding instructions as found in the guidance manual, the QA documents, and any other relevant CMS OASIS documents. The goal of the resources is always to provide the home health staff with the rationale and guidance necessary to accurately complete each of the items. The injuries listed in J1900C Major Injuries are examples and should not be considered an all-inclusive list. As stated, in the J1800 and J1900 Errata and the draft of the OASIS-E2 Guidance manual, Major Injury includes but is not limited to the traumatic bone fractures, joint dislocation, suffixations, internal organ injuries, amputations, spinal cord injuries, head injuries and crush injuries.

In regards to the question about the EMR and the changing of the data set itself, home health agencies are required to incorporate the OASIS data items exactly as written into the agency's comprehensive assessment. In addition to any required OASIS items, the agency could determine what language will be included in that agency's comprehensive

assessment in order to meet the regulatory coverage and the clinical needs. So, while the item language and response options may not be modified, reformatting of the presentation of the item is left up to the user's discretion. As long as such modifications are presented in a way that makes it clear which items in the assessment questions and response options are part of the OASIS and which ones are not. CMS has not yet posted the final version of the OASIS-E2, but that will be posted on or around March 1st.

Open Q and A Session.....Shawna Haley, CMS

Q1: Can you please provide where we can access the recording after the call?

A1: The call recording is for note taking purposes only. Meeting minutes will be posted in the News section of the OASIS Vendors page: <https://qtso.cms.gov/vendors/outcome-and-assessment-information-set-oasis-vendors>.

Q2: If the OASIS-E2 data specifications are final, does this mean the OASIS-E2 data set instruments and guidance manual for OASIS-E2 are also final?

A2: Yes, any additional slight changes to the manual will be representative, and the revision that will be posted on or before March 1st.

Closing Comments.....Shawna Haley, CMS

I would like to thank the presenters and participants for joining the call today to keep up to date on the future changes to the OASIS instrument. We hope you have found the information presented helpful. Please note that minutes will be posted on the QTSO Vendor page, along with the important resources. If you have technical questions in the future, please send them to the CMS mailbox at iQIES@cms.hhs.gov.

Important Resources

QTSO Website

<https://qtso.cms.gov>

<https://qtso.cms.gov/vendorsoasis.html>

iQIES Website

<https://iqies.cms.gov/>

<https://iqies.cms.gov/vut>

<https://iqies.cms.gov/known-issues>

<https://iqies.cms.gov/iqies/help>

CMS.gov – Home Health Quality Reporting Program

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/quality/home-health>

CMS.gov – OASIS Data Set

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/quality/home-health/oasis-data-sets>

CMS.gov – OASIS Guidance Manuals

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/quality/home-health/oasis-user-manuals>

CMS.gov – OASIS Data Specifications

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/quality/home-health/data-specifications>

CMS.gov – Home Health PPS Grouper Software

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/prospective-payment-systems/home-health/home-health-grouper-software>

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<https://www.cms.gov/training-education/open-door-forums/home-health-hospice-durable-medical-equipment-dme>