

## CMS OASIS Software Developer/Vendor Call Agenda

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### **Welcome ..... Kimberlie Jasmin, CMS**

Welcome everyone and thank you for joining the OASIS Software Developer/Vendor Call.

My name is Kimberlie Jasmin, and I will be facilitating today's call. The purpose of this call is to provide information to software developers and vendors who are creating or have created software for Home Health providers. Please note on this call we will discuss the upcoming changes to the OASIS Item Set effective January 1, 2025, as well as updates to the technical data submission specifications, the Validation Utility Tool and the iQIES submission system. This call will NOT cover clinical coding, quality reporting requirements or policies, and payment policies. If you are not a software vendor or developer, do not attend this call.

All participants please be advised that this meeting will be recorded only for documentation purposes.

Please note the resources listed at the bottom of the agenda. Minutes will be posted on the QTSO.cms.gov website within the next two weeks. Thank you to those who submitted questions, comments, or concerns ahead of this afternoon's call. If time allows, we will have an open Q & A session at the end of this call.

I will now hand over the call to Jermama Keys who will provide some important information about the changes to the OASIS Guidance Manual.

### **OASIS-E1 Guidance Manual..... Jermama Keys, CMS**

The changes from OASIS-E to OASIS-E1 include removal of three items with their associated guidance, addition of one item, and the transition to all payer OASIS data collection and submission. In addition, the Manual is edited for general updates such as the version name, or corrections to punctuation and typographical errors.

- M0110 Episode Timing is the first of two items removed from OASIS due to no longer being used in the Home Health Quality Reporting Program, and they are not intended for use in CMS payment, survey, or the expanded Home Health Value Based Purchasing Model.
- M2200 Therapy Need is the second item removed from OASIS for version E1 due to no longer being used in the Home Health Quality Reporting Program, or needed for payment, survey or the HH value-based purchasing model.
- The Discharge Goals column for GG0130 Self-Care and GG0170 Mobility are removed from OASIS because the quality measure Application of Percent of Long-Term Care Hospital Patients with an Admission and Discharge Functional Assessment and a Care Plan that Addresses Function. The Discharge Goals were only collected at start of care and resumption of care. Wherever Discharge Goals are mentioned in the guidance such as in Coding Instructions, and Examples, the information has been removed. No other changes were made to the guidance for GG0130 and GG0170.
- One item is being added to the OASIS for version E1, number O0350 Patient's COVID-19 vaccination is up to date. This is a standardized patient assessment data element with standardized guidance for the 4 PAC settings: LTCH, IRF, SNF and HH. This item is added in support of the new quality measure COVID-19 Vaccine: Percent of Patients/Residents Who Are Up to Date.

- The guidance for home health agencies about how to transition to collection and submission of OASIS assessments for all payers will be included in the home health proposed rule, which we anticipate will be posted in June of this year. There will be an opportunity for public comment that will enable CMS to make final clarifications to the guidance. When the rule is finalized, the OASIS guidance in Chapter 1 will be updated to include these requirements. There will be a placeholder for this update in the Draft Guidance Manual, which we anticipate will be posted in May 2024. There are no changes to items required for the transition to all payer. There is one specification change (described in the presentation on specifications), for M0150 Current Payment Source, that will allow submission of OASIS assessments with a non-Medicare, non-Medicaid response for this item.

General Updates:

- Where applicable throughout the Manual and appendices, minor edits have been made in formatting, grammar and to improve clarity.
- When needed, dates, references and resources have been updated and information reorganized.
- The version title has been updated from E to E1.
- We anticipate posting the Draft OASIS-E1 Guidance Manual in May 2024.
- Until the draft OASIS-E1 Guidance Manual is posted, your resource for changes to OASIS for version E1 is the home health Calendar Year 2024 final rule, which can be accessed at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/11/13/2023-24455/medicare-program-calendar-year-cy-2024-home-health-hh-prospective-payment-system-rate-update-hh>

**Data Submission Specification Updates ..... John Jackson, GDIT**

New draft data specifications have been posted on the CMS web site for OASIS (V3.01.0). These specs go into effect on January 1, 2025. They match the new OASIS-E1 item set, which is available in the usual locations on the CMS web site.

So what's new?

- The Section GG Goal items (and their associated edits) will be removed.
- New "COVID-19 Vaccination Up To Date" item (O0350). Valid values are 0, 1, and dash.
- Three items removed: M0110\_EPISODE\_TIMING, M2200\_THER\_NEED\_NBR, and M2200\_THER\_NEED\_NA, as well as their associated edits -4511 and -4521.
- Edit -7020 replaces edit -5600, since GG0170R2 and GG0170S2 will be removed.
- Edit -3630 will be removed, since OASIS assessments will be submitted for all payers (see M0150 items).

We anticipate publishing FINAL specs for OASIS within a couple of months. Please let us know if you find any issues, so we can avoid errata documents!

Regarding the data specs package that we publish:

We currently provide the following:

- The Microsoft Access data dictionary
- PDFs for each section of the assessment instrument, as well as the item change report, the edit change report, and the unduplicated edits by ID report
- Comma Separated Value (CSV) files for the item master, item value, ISC master and ISC value tables
- HTML files which allow users to navigate through the items and edits
- An Overview file for newcomers to the data specs.

**Question:** Are you using the Microsoft Access database as part of your workflow? If so, please respond to the helpdesk. If you don't respond, we will assume that you don't use it! Thanks in advance for getting back to us on this matter.

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

The iQIES submission processing system and Validation Utility Tool will edit records with a target date on or after January 1, 2025, using version OASIS-E1 data submission specifications "as discussed by John on this call".

With this release, iQIES will continue to edit records with a target date prior to January 1, 2025, using the appropriate set of data specifications in effect for the target date of the submitted record.

No planned changes to the interfaces and access to the VUT remains the same.

If any changes occur prior to January 1, 2025, a notice will be sent out.

The tentative date for the VUT to be available for testing is August 2024.

**Patient Driven Groupings Model (PDGM) Updates ..... Anne Boucher, Solventum**

October HH Grouper v05.1.24: We have not begun working on the October grouper yet. Normally we start in late May when the proposed new diagnosis codes become available.

If you are interested in beta testing the October HH Grouper v05.1.24 update, please sign up by emailing [HHGrouperQuestions@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:HHGrouperQuestions@cms.hhs.gov). The beta testing period will run from July 26<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>. The final October software update will be available on the CMS website, sometime after the end of beta.

January HH Grouper v06.0.25: If there are changes being made to the grouper based on OASIS-E1 they will appear first in a Home Health proposed and final rules, neither of which has come out yet. If you are interested in beta testing the January HH Grouper v06.0.25 update, please sign up by emailing [HHGrouperQuestions@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:HHGrouperQuestions@cms.hhs.gov). The beta test period will run from October 17<sup>th</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup>. The final January software update will be available on the CMS website, approximately November 1<sup>st</sup>.

For more information about beta testing, go to <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/prospective-payment-systems/home-health/home-health-grouper-software-beta-testing>.

You may find the current software at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/prospective-payment-systems/home-health/home-health-grouper-software>.

**Discussion of Submitted Q & A's ..... Kimberlie Jasmin, CMS**

Q1: Will risk-adjustment models be revised with the OASIS-E1 update? If so, when will the technical specifications be made available?

**A1: As stated in the [Risk Adjustment Technical Steps and Risk Factor Specifications, Effective January 1, 2023](#) Last Updated: February 16, 2024 the next major update of the risk adjustment models is planned to take effect in CY 2025. During that update, the risk adjustment models will be based on refreshed data, and all risk factors will be re-tested for inclusion.**

At this time, no specific date has been announced for posting of the new risk adjustment models. Please continue to monitor the [Home Health Quality Reporting Spotlight and Announcement](#) page.

**Open Q and A Session ..... Kimberlie Jasmin, CMS**

Q1: Would you please provide clarification about which assessment “all payer data” would be collected and it's going to be all laid out in the rule?

**A1: There will be a phased-in approach. It doesn't affect the specs, but you will see discharges that have “all-payer data” from 01/01/2025- 06/30/2025 and then admissions that will have the data from 07/01/2025- 12/31/2025.**

Q2: When will Grouper version 06.0.25 be available?

**A2: The final January software update will be available on the CMS website, approximately November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Q3: When and where will you publish the recorded call?

**A3: The minutes will be available within two weeks after the OASIS Vendor Call and it will be posted on the QTSO Vendor webpage at <https://qtso.cms.gov/vendorsasis.html>.**

Q4: Will CMS consider scheduling additional vendor calls?

**A4: CMS may consider scheduling another vendor call if it is deemed necessary.**

**Closing Comments..... Kimberlie Jasmin, CMS**

Thank you for joining today’s call. We appreciate you joining the call today to stay updated on the future changes to the OASIS instrument. We hope you found the information presented helpful. Please note the important resources listed below which will be posted along with the meeting minutes on the QTSO Vendor page.

As always if you have any technical questions, comments, or suggestions, please send them to the iQIES Help Desk mailbox at [iQIES@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:iQIES@cms.hhs.gov).

Have a great rest of the week!

## **Important Resources**

### **QTSO Website**

<https://qtso.cms.gov>

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

### **iQIES Website**

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

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

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

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

### **E-mail OASIS Technical Issues**

[IQIES@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:IQIES@cms.hhs.gov)

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