

### Tools Used to Assess HHA Patients Nationally

On behalf of the CMS Division of Chronic and Post-Acute Care Home Health Quality Reporting Program, Abt Associates is seeking to assess the usage of non-OASIS, comprehensive assessment tools in Home Health to understand the potential burden of requiring OASIS assessments for all skilled care patients receiving care from a Medicare/Medicaid certified home health agency. We are particularly interested in determining if alternate tools are in use for non-Medicare/Medicaid patients who are receiving skilled care for the purposes of monitoring or quality improvement initiatives.

1. For HHAs with a mix of Medicare/Medicaid patients and Non-Medicare/Medicaid patients, do any HHAs utilize a non-OASIS comprehensive assessment tool for their non-Medicare/Medicaid patients?
  - a. How widespread is the practice of using a non-OASIS, comprehensive assessment tool?
  - b. Do they use a non-OASIS, comprehensive assessment tool for skilled and unskilled care patients?
2. Do you work with any HHAs that have **only** non-Medicare/Medicaid patients?
  - a. What comprehensive assessment tool do they use to assess patients?
  - b. Is it the same tool for skilled and unskilled care patients?
3. Do you have a sense of how many non-OASIS, comprehensive assessment tools are in use by HHAs around the country?
4. Do you have a sense of the approximate percent of the national HHA population you serve that is comprised of non-Medicare/Medicaid patients?
  - a. Do you have a sense of the trend in the makeup of Medicare/Medicaid population for the HHAs that you serve?
  - b. Do you have any suggestions for alternative sources that would inform CMS as to the makeup of the national makeup of non-Medicare/Medicaid population?
5. What issues of burden should CMS consider when evaluating an OASIS all-payer proposal?