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Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Manual

This webpage includes the current version of the MDS 3.0 RAI Manual and associated documents. This page will be updated when:

- An update is made to the MDS RAI 3.0 Manual
- A newer version of the MDS RAI 3.0 Manual becomes available; or
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3.0 RAI Manual needs to be communicated.

Older versions of the MDS 3.0 RAI Manual are available for reference on the Archived: MDS 3.0 RAI Manuals webpage.

On this webpage you will also find the most current MDS 3.0 Item Sets and Appendix B which lists all of the State RAI and Automation Coordinators.

What's New –

August 14, 2023

NOW AVAILABLE: Final MDS 3.0 RAI User's Manual version 1.18.11

The final Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) User's Manual version (v)1.18.11 is now available in the Downloads section on the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment

Instrument (RAI) Manual page. The MDS 3.0 RAI User's Manual v1.18.11 will be effective beginning October 01, 2023. A log of changes since the posting of the Draft MDS 3.0 RAI User's Manual version 1.18.11 is also available.

This version of the MDS 3.0 RAI Manual contains substantial revisions related to the Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014 (IMPACT Act), which requires that standardized assessment items be collected across post-acute care (PAC) settings. Standardized data will enable cross-setting data collection, outcome comparison, exchangeability of data, and comparison of quality within and across PAC settings. Additionally, the language of the manual has been updated throughout to be gender neutral. Guidance and examples in numerous chapters and appendices have been revised for clarification and to reflect current regulations and best practices. Due to the scope of the revisions, CMS will not issue Replacement Pages for v1.18.11; those wishing to continue using a physical copy of the manual are encouraged to print the new version.

July 27, 2023

The July update of Appendix B to the *RAI 3.0 User's Manual* contains changes to the list of State RAI Coordinators, MDS Automation Coordinators, RAI Panel members, and CMS locations and contacts. **To ensure accurate formatting, use a current version of Adobe Acrobat Reader to view this PDF. Web-based or mobile browser plug-ins may affect how the file is displayed.** The file is located in the **Downloads** section below.

July 07, 2023

UPDATED: Final MDS 3.0 Item Sets version 1.18.11 v4

The final Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Item Sets version (v)1.18.11 have been updated and are now available in the Downloads section on the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Manual page. The IPA, NP, and SP Item Sets have been replaced with revised versions; the remaining item sets remain unchanged from the last posted version. The MDS Item Sets v1.18.11 will be effective beginning October 01, 2023.

The Item set edits are noted below.

IPA item set

O0500 contained an additional response box which was removed

A1005 response option Z. was changed to response option Y.

NP item set

O0500 contained an additional response box which was removed

SP item set

O0500 contained an additional response box which was removed

June 23, 2023

UPDATED: Final MDS 3.0 Item Sets version 1.18.11 v3

The final Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Item Sets version (v)1.18.11 have been updated and are now available in the Downloads section on the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Manual page. The NC and NQ Item Sets have been replaced with revised versions; the remaining item sets remain unchanged from the last posted version. The MDS Item Sets v1.18.11 will be effective beginning October 01, 2023.

The change that was made involved A1200.

Marital Status. It was noted that the item response code numbering was changed in error on the NC and NQ item sets only. This has been corrected.

June 07, 2023

UPDATED: Final MDS 3.0 Item Sets version 1.18.11

The final Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Item Sets version (v)1.18.11 have been updated and are now available in the **Downloads** section on the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Manual webpage. The NP, NPE, and SD Item Sets have been replaced with revised versions; the remaining item sets remain unchanged from the last posted version. The MDS Item Sets v1.18.11 will be effective beginning October 01, 2023.

The item set edits are noted below and on the revised MDS 3.0 Item Set Change History v1.18.11v2.pdf. These edits are also reflected in the Final MDS Data Submission Specifications V3.01.0 posted on the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Technical Information webpage.

NPE item set

B1300: Completion language removed

D0100: Part of the completion language was removed

D0700: Completion language removed

ND item set

D0700: Completion language added

SD item set

X1100E: added to item set

April 25, 2023

NOW AVAILABLE: Update to Appendix B of RAI 3.0 User's Manual

The April update of Appendix B to the *RAI 3.0 User's Manual* contains changes to the list of State Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Coordinators, Minimum Data Set (MDS) Automation Coordinators, RAI Panel members, and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) locations and contacts. **To ensure accurate formatting, use a current version of Adobe Acrobat Reader to view this PDF. Web-based or mobile browser plug-ins may affect how the file is displayed.** The file is located in the **Downloads** section below.

April 24, 2023

NOW AVAILABLE: OSA Item Set and OSA Manual

The Optional State Assessment (OSA) Item

Set, OSA Manual, and OSA Change History table are now available in the **Downloads** section. The OSA is not a Federally required assessment; rather, it may be required in some States for payment purposes. Each State determines whether the OSA is required and if so, when the assessment must be completed. For questions regarding completion of the OSA, please contact your State Survey Agency.

April 3, 2023

NOW AVAILABLE: Final MDS 3.0 Item Sets version 1.18.11

The final Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Item Sets version v1.18.11 are now available in the **Downloads** section. The MDS Item Sets v1.18.11 will be effective beginning October 01, 2023.

April 3, 2023

NOW AVAILABLE: Draft MDS 3.0 RAI User's Manual version 1.18.11

The draft Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) User's Manual version (v)1.18.11 is now available in the **Downloads** section. The MDS 3.0 RAI User's Manual v1.18.11 will be effective beginning October 01, 2023.

This version of the MDS 3.0 RAI Manual contains substantial revisions related to the Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation (IMPACT) Act of 2014, which requires that standardized assessment items be collected across post-acute care (PAC) settings. Standardized data will enable cross-setting data collection, outcome comparison, exchangeability of data, and comparison of quality within and across PAC settings. Additionally, the language of the manual has been updated throughout to be gender neutral. Guidance and examples in numerous chapters and appendices have been revised for clarification and to reflect current regulations and best practices. Due to the scope of the revisions, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will not issue Replacement Pages for v1.18.11; those wishing to continue using a physical copy of the manual are encouraged to print the new version.

February 23, 2023

iQIES for Minimum Data Set (MDS) Submission Release on April 17, 2023

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is excited to announce that the transition of the Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment submission and reporting functionality to the Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES) will occur on April 17, 2023.

To properly prepare for the transition, the QIES Assessment Submission and Processing (ASAP) system for MDS submissions will be turned off on Thursday, April 13 at 8:00 pm EST. Providers should submit completed MDS records prior to 8:00 pm EST on April 13th to QIES (ASAP) or wait until 8:00 am EST on April 17th to submit data in iQIES. Providers are expected to take into account all requirements when determining the date they submit completed MDS records, including but not limited to, submission timeliness, claims processing, and care planning requirements.

CMS will provide additional information through various email notifications regarding training, technical guidance, details on what to expect, and more.

Register for an iQIES Account

Please note that failure to obtain access to iQIES prior to April 17, 2023 will impact your ability to submit MDS records. As mentioned in previous communications, nursing home and swing bed providers who are required to submit data to CMS must have at least one staff person assigned and approved as the facility Provider Security Official (PSO), who works for the provider and is responsible for approving all other users for their facility. For information and instructions to register for an iQIES account, please visit: https://qtso.cms.gov/news-and-updates/action-required-register-iqies-account.

December 23, 2022

NOW AVAILABLE: Draft MDS 3.0 Item Sets v1.18.11

The draft Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Item Sets version (v)1.18.11 are now available in the **Downloads** section. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) plans to release the final version of the MDS Item Sets in early 2023. The MDS Item Sets v1.18.11 will be effective beginning October 1, 2023.

Downloads

MDS-3.0-RAI-Manual-v1.18.11_October_2023 (PDF)

Appendix B_July 2023.v2 (PDF)

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MDS-3.0-PRA-Disclosure-Statement__November_2022 (PDF)

MDS3.0RAIManualv1.17.1R.Errata.v2.July.15.2022 (PDF)

Draft MDS3.0 NC Item Set v1.18.11 Oct2023 (PDF)

MDS3.0RAIManualv1.17.1R.Errata.October.1.2021 (PDF)

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