

MDS Assessment Schedule and Billing Transition

Excerpt from MDS 3.0 and RUG-IV Updates and Training for FY 2012

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MDS Assessment Schedule – slide 3

- Beginning in FY 2012, facilities must use the updated MDS Assessment schedule for setting the assessment reference date (ARD) for scheduled PPS assessments.
- Effective for all assessments where the ARD falls on or after October 1, 2011.

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Old Schedule

Medicare MDS Assessment Type	Reason for Assessment (A0310B code)	Assessment Reference Date Window	Assessment Reference Date Grace Days	Applicable Medicare Payment Days
5 day*	01	Days 1 – 5	6 – 8	1 thru 14
14 day	02	Days 11 – 14	15 – 19	15 thru 30
30 day	03	Days 21 – 29	30 – 34	31 thru 60
60 day	04	Days 50 – 59	60 – 64	61 thru 90
90 day	05	Days 80 – 89	90 – 94	91 thru 100

Revised Schedule

Medicare MDS Assessment type	Reason for Assessment (A0310B code)	Assessment Reference Date Window	Assessment Reference Date Grace Days	Applicable Medicare Payment Days
5 day*	01	Days 1 – 5	6 – 8	1 thru 14
14 day	02	Days 13 – 14	15 – 18	15 thru 30
30 day	03	Days 27 – 29	30 – 33	31 thru 60
60 day	04	Days 57 – 59	60 – 63	61 thru 90
90 day	05	Days 87 – 89	90 – 93	01 thru 100

*Changes would also apply to Readmission/Return Assessment (A0310B code = 6)

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Note:

When October 1, 2011 is Day 19, 34, 64, or 94 of the Medicare Part A SNF stay, assessments should be completed by September 30 or the assessments will be considered late and payment penalties will apply.

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For assessments with an ARD set for on or after October 1, 2011, the ARD must be in compliance with the revised MDS assessment schedule, otherwise early/late assessment penalties may apply. For example:

If the ARD for a 14-day assessment is set for October 1, 2011 and this date is equivalent to Day 19 of the resident's stay, **then the late assessment penalty will apply and the facility must bill the default RUG for Days 15-18.**

If the ARD for a 14-day assessment is set for October 1, 2011 and this date is equivalent to Day 12 of the resident's stay (one day early), **then the early assessment penalty will apply and the facility must bill the default RUG for the first day of the next payment period (Day 15).**

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A Word on Combining Scheduled and Unscheduled PPS Assessments

If the ARD for an unscheduled PPS assessment falls within the ARD window (including grace days) of a scheduled PPS assessment, and the scheduled assessment has not yet been completed, the assessments must be combined.

If the ARD for a COT (Change of Therapy) OMRA is Day 14 of a resident's stay and the 14-day scheduled PPS assessment has not yet been completed, then the assessment must be combined and facilities should use the appropriate A1 code to indicate the combined assessment.

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What Item Set do I use for the combined assessment?

The Item Set for the scheduled assessment should be used.

What do I use for the ARD of the combined assessment?

The ARD for the combined assessment is what would have been used for the unscheduled assessment.

Transition Period to FY 2012 Billing – Slide 52

- If the billing period is split between fiscal years, FY11 RUG-IV and FY12 RUG-IV groups will both be needed to establish payment for the entire period.
- The system will be upgraded on 9/18/11 to calculate the FY11 RUG-IV and FY12 RUG-IV groups for ARDs from 8/22 through 10/31. The validation reports will reflect both RUG groups,.
- For FY11, the FY12 RUG group will be shown in Error Message #1059
- For FY12, the FY11 RUG group will be shown in Error Message #1060

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