

For Washington State Nursing Home staff

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“This is I.T.” Newsletter

**Info and Tips from the MDS-WA Office—Clinical stuff,
Computer stuff, Reports ‘n stuff, and other STUFF!**

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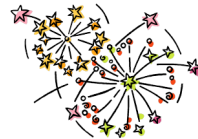
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Greetings!

We really enjoy working with all of you and we wish you a Happy New Year!

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2014 RUG Run Dates for Washington State Nursing Homes

	Run date	Includes MDS submitted through:
4th quarter preliminary	01/13/2014	01/10/2014
Revised 4th quarter preliminary	02/10/2014	02/03/2014
1st Semi-Annual preliminary	04/14/2014	04/11/2014
Final 1st Semi-Annual	05/05/2014	05/01/2014
2nd quarter preliminary	07/14/2014	07/11/2014
Revised 2nd quarter preliminary	08/04/2014	08/01/2014
2nd Semi-Annual preliminary	10/13/2014	10/10/2014
Final 2nd Semi-Annual	11/10/2014	11/03/2014

RUG reports are usually posted within 3 days of the Run date. The Detail Reports and the Medicaid Number error report can be found through the State Report link on the MDS Welcome page. The Summary Report can be found at <http://www.altsa.dshs.wa.gov/professional/CaseMix/> under Case Mix Weights.

The MDS-WA newsletter publishes info that you can **really use** in your work with the MDS: tips and hints, new stuff from CMS, clinical info, technical help, notices about RUG reports, and more.

Sign up for the MDS-WA Listserv Newsletter by emailing LISTSERV@LISTSERV.WA.GOV

In the subject line put: **SUBSCRIBE MDS-WA**

2014 MDS Training Dates

To Register: please e-mail Sandy Kerrigan, RAI Coordinator, at kerriss@dshs.wa.gov to reserve your spot. Please include the date you want to attend, the name of your facility, the names of all attendees and their contact information. You will receive a return confirmation e-mail. Thank you.

ALTSA Headquarters Building
 Blake Office Park West ([Driving Directions](#))
 Chelan/Roosevelt Room (1st Floor)
 4450 10th Avenue SE
 Lacey WA 98503 [Map](#)
 Space is limited to the first 45 participants
 March 20 & 21, 2014
 8 am to 4 pm each day
 Parking: Free but a permit is required; [print the permit](#) and place permit on dashboard.
 You may wish to carpool, if possible.

Lacey (see complete information for this location under March 20 & 21, above)
 Space is limited to the first 45 participants
 April 2 & 3, 2014
 8 am to 4 pm each day
 Parking: Free but a permit is required; [print the permit](#) and place permit on dashboard.
 You may wish to carpool, if possible.

Sacred Heart Medical Center
 Providence Auditorium
 101 W 8th Avenue
 Spokane, WA 99204 [Map](#)
 June 3 & 4, 2014
 8 am to 4 pm each day
 Parking: Limited metered street parking / public pay parking is also available in lot off of McClellan Street; walk to auditorium

Lacey (see complete information for this location under March 20 & 21, above)
 October 8 & 9, 2014
 8 am to 4 pm each day

Lacey (see complete information for this location under March 20 & 21, above)
 October 22 & 23, 2014
 8 am to 4 pm each day

These are basic MDS courses designed for individuals who are new to MDS or those who need a refresher. Topics covered include what the MDS is, what the data is used for, how to assure accuracy, who must have an assessment completed, the resources needed, what forms are used and when, entry and discharge tracking and assessment, interviewing, a section-by-section review of item coding, significant change assessments, the CAA process, and error correction.