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REVISIONS TO RAI USER'S MANUAL

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

This letter contains important information for facility staff responsible for completing the Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessments.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released updates to the Long-Term Care Facility Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) User's Manual Version 3.0. Changes include updates and clarifications, some of which are minor "clean-ups" such as correcting spelling, the addition of new items and some substantive changes as well. Changes have occurred in Sections A, C, E, G, H, J, K, M, N, O, X and Z of Chapter 3. Portions of Chapters 1, 2, 5, 6 and Appendix H have edits. **The updates are effective October 1, 2014.**

The update includes "Track Changes" documents that describe the items in each chapter/section that have changed, the page number of the changes and the actual chapter/sections that have been changed. You may choose to download the entire chapters or only the pages where changes have occurred:

- Chapter 1 - Wording clarifications
- Chapter 2 - Wording clarifications and removal of PPS Readmission/return assessment
- Section A - Wording clarifications, new wording for Item A0410 and addition of new Item A1900 Admission Date
- Section C – Wording clarifications and added a Disclaimer to Item C1300
- Section E - Wording clarifications
- Section G - Wording clarifications and added new definitions
- Section H - Wording clarifications
- Section J - Wording clarifications
- Section K - Wording clarifications and added an example
- Section M - Wording clarifications
- Section N - Wording clarifications
- Section O - Wording clarifications and additional information
- Section X - Wording clarifications and removal of PPS Readmission/return Assessment choice

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- Section Z - Wording clarifications
- Chapter 5 - Wording clarifications
- Chapter 6 - Wording clarifications, new information and new example
- Appendix H: New MDS 3.0 Item Set forms- effective date October 2014. Your software vendor should be updating your software to accommodate the changes.

To obtain the RAI Manual changes, go to the CMS webpage at:
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/MDS30RAIManual.html>.

It is the responsibility of the individuals who complete the MDS to have the most current RAI Manual instructions in order to accurately complete the required assessments.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Frances Wellsbury, Interim Office Chief, Consumer Services, at (360) 725-2574 or e-mail at Frances.Wellsbury@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carl I. Walters II." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Carl I. Walters II., Director
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