



# CMS Changes 2020

## Summary

A summary of changes released by CMS on January 1, 2020.

### Section A

- Race/ethnicity in items A1005 and A1010 have been expanded; item A1000 was removed.
- Language item has been updated.
- Transportation item that is completed for PPS discharge assessments to determine whether lack of transportation factored into residents who were unable to (1) travel to/from medical appointments, meetings, or work and/or (2) get items needed for daily living.
- “Entered from” and “Discharge status” have been updated.
- Requirement has been added to report on medication reconciliation with the resident and subsequent providers.
- Newly added coding items will vary depending on which MDS item set is completed and whether it is an OBRA or PPS assessment.

### Section B

Providers will now report on Health Literacy PPS Medicare Part A admissions and discharges.

### Section C

- Minor formatting changes here, as well as the addition of a discharge BIMs requirement.
- Review item C1320 signs and symptoms of delirium for discharge requirements.
- For PPS, many items have been added for coding on discharge assessments that have not appeared in prior years.

### Section D

- How providers conduct resident interviews for mood was revised. This is an important change, because providers are to initially assess items A and B, but will not proceed with additional items unless a positive response is noted.
- Social isolation will be addressed in item D0700 and D0720 at discharge.

### Section E

No changes

### Section G

Removed



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### Section GG

- Watch for future clarification from CMS, because these items will likely impact QMs, QRP and possibly state-specific case mix.
- Items reported for PPS assessments upon admission and coded at discharge with the 3-day assessment period are included.
- Items included with a 7-day look back are included. These will be coded on other items sets beyond the Medicare PPS.

### Section J

- Providers will be required to assess the presence and frequency of pain upon discharge.
- Questions have been expanded RE: whether pain interferes with therapy participation and day-to-day activities.

### Section K

- Columns have been updated. To be assessed: Services received on admission; services received while not a resident; services received while a resident; services received at discharge.
- Wait and see whether any PDPM impacts with the coding items in this section.

### Section N

- Several items have been removed.
- Detailed coding for type of drug classes have been added.

### Section O

- Reporting upon admission AND at discharge.
- Expanded to include special treatments and details RE: type of chemotherapy; type of oxygen; specific IV medications, etc.
- Physician examinations and physician orders were removed (with the exception of the OSA item set.)

### Section Q

Minor changes RE: resident goals and discharge planning.