

FYI:

OASIS-E1 Draft Published and other OASIS updates

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The Least You Need to Know:

CMS has released the draft version of the new OASIS, which will be mandatory January 1st, 2025. This OASIS is called OASIS E-1. Several items that are no longer being used for payment or quality will be deleted, as well as one addition.

Deleted Items

OASIS E-1 has two items that are fully deleted, (M0110, Episode Timing, and M2200, Therapy Need) because PDGM does not use these items for payment.

The Discharge Goals (column 2) in the GG1030 and GG1070 are also being deleted, because the process measure was being completed by nearly 100% of home health agencies. *Originally*, CMS had stated that these DC goals would be “optional” as of April 1st, 2024, but now has clarified through the January OASIS Q&A that these should continue to be measured until the new version of OASIS is implemented in 2025.

M0110: Episode Timing

M0110. Episode Timing
Is the Medicare home health payment episode, for which this assessment will define a case mix group, an “early” episode or a “later” episode in the patient’s current sequence of adjacent Medicare home health payment episodes?

Enter Code	1. Early
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Later
	UK Unknown
	NA Not Applicable: No Medicare case mix group to be defined by this assessment.

M2200: Therapy Need

M2200. Therapy Need
In the home health plan of care for the Medicare payment episode for which this assessment will define a case mix group, what is the indicated need for therapy visits (total of reasonable and necessary physical, occupational, and speech-language pathology visits combined)? (Enter zero [“000”] if no therapy visits indicated.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number of therapy visits indicated (total of physical, occupational and speech-language pathology visits combined).
<input type="checkbox"/>	NA - Not Applicable: No case mix group defined by this assessment.		

1. SOC/ROC Performance	2. Discharge Goal	
↓ Enter Codes in Boxes ↓	↓ Enter Codes in Boxes ↓	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A. Eating: The ability to use suitable utensils to bring food and/or liquid to the mouth and swallow food and/or liquid once the meal is placed before the patient.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	B. Oral Hygiene: The ability to use suitable items to clean teeth. Dentures (if applicable): The ability to insert and remove dentures into and from mouth, and manage denture soaking and rinsing with use of equipment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	C. Toileting Hygiene: The ability to maintain perineal hygiene, adjust clothes before and after voiding or having a bowel movement. If managing an ostomy, include wiping the opening but not managing equipment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	E. Shower/bathe self: The ability to bathe self, including washing, rinsing, and drying self (excludes washing of back and hair). Does not include transferring in/out of tub/shower.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A. Upper body dressing: The ability to dress and undress above the waist, including fasteners, if applicable.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	B. Lower body dressing: The ability to dress and undress below the waist, including fasteners; does not include footwear.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	C. Putting on/taking off footwear: The ability to put on and take off socks and shoes or other footwear that is appropriate for safe mobility, including fasteners, if applicable.

Added Items

One new item (O0350) will be added to assess if patients are up to date on their COVID-19 vaccine.

OXXXX. Patient’s COVID-19 vaccination is up to date.

<input type="checkbox"/>	0. No, patient is not up to date
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Yes, patient is up to date

Changed Items

Also, there were several changes to existing items for clarity, including M2420, the Discharge status. This change finally brings the item up to date with the current guidance, that has been in place for a number of years.

M2420. Discharge Disposition
Where is the patient after discharge from your agency? (Choose only one answer.)

Enter Code	1. Patient remained in the community (without skilled services from a Medicare Certified HHA or non-institutional hospice) → Skip to A2123, Provision of Current Reconciled Medication List to Patient at Discharge
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Patient remained in the community (with skilled services from a Medicare Certified HHA) → Continue to A2121, Provision of Current Reconciled Medication List to Subsequent Provider at Discharge
	3. Patient transferred to a non-institutional hospice → Continue to A2121, Provision of Current Reconciled Medication List to Subsequent Provider at Discharge
	4. Unknown because patient moved to a geographic location not served by this agency → Skip to A2123, Provision of Current Reconciled Medication List to Patient at Discharge
	UK Other unknown → Skip to A2123, Provision of Current Reconciled Medication List to Patient at Discharge

Actions of a Prudent Home Health Agency™

ONE. Be aware that the OASIS E-1 will be implemented in 2025. Download the draft.

TWO. Ensure your agency is using the updated OASIS E manual, and static Q&As, published in November 2023.

- <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/quality/home-health/oasis-user-manuals>
- https://qtso.cms.gov/system/files/qtso/OASIS_CAT_2_Static_QA_10-31-2023.pdf
- https://qtso.cms.gov/system/files/qtso/OASIS_CAT_3_Static_QA_10-31-2023.pdf
- https://qtso.cms.gov/system/files/qtso/OASIS_CAT_4_Static_QA_10-31-2023.pdf

THREE. Stay up to date with the OASIS Q&A changes published by CMS quarterly in January, April, July and October.

- https://qtso.cms.gov/system/files/qtso/CMS_OAI_4th%20Qtr_2023_QAs_Jan_2024_final.pdf

Link to More Info

See the OASIS E-1 Draft and the Table of Changes under “Downloads” at:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/hha-assessment-requirements-calendar-year-2025.pdf>

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/draftoasis-e1allitemsinstrument-01-02-2024.pdf>

