

Blueprint for OASIS Accuracy

In October, CAHSAH had OASIS Answers, Inc presented to nearly 600 providers between the two sessions held in Sacramento and Buena Park. This is the first time since the OASIS began 10 years ago that there has been a true overhaul of the data set, and the attendees had two full days of information regarding these changes.

The first obvious change is the new numbering system. "M0" numbers have become "M" numbers. M has always simply stood for "Medicare", and the "0" (which has been mistaken for years as the letter 'O') was just the number zero, which now is being utilized in the new numbering system when we describe the domains as "1100s" or "1200s", etc. This will be a new "language" for all clinicians involved with the OASIS, as we have become so familiar with the M0 items, we can refer to the items by memory. Some of the favorite changes of the attendees cheered about were the added sensitivity in the responses. One example is the addition of a response to the ambulation/locomotion item (currently M0700 and in OASIS-C M1860) to show clearly when a patient moves from a two-handed device to being independent with a one-handed device. This gives credit to a patient and the agency for a great outcome that is not currently captured.

The biggest changes are in the area of process measures, where best practices are reported in the OASIS-C. Some examples of the process measures included in OASIS-C are: Timely initiation of care, Pain Assessment conducted, Multi-factor falls risk assessment conducted (on patients 65 and older), Pressure ulcer risk assessment and Depression assessment conducted. Many of the agencies attending voiced they were currently doing several of these assessments, but with OASIS-C will now be "getting credit" for their best practices. These assessments will be helpful in formulating the Plan of Care, which is also accounted for on the OASIS-C. The integument item guidance in Chapter 3 was released between the two sessions that CAHSAH held in October, and since then there were 45 additional Q&As released on October 22, 2009. One thing you can count on is that OASIS-C is a work in progress. The other thing you can count on is CAHSAH to continuously provide education training to keep you updated and current with all of the latest CMS guidance.

Sacramento Evaluation Scores

October 7-8, 2009

	<u>Day 1:</u>	<u>Day 2:</u>
How would you rate this session overall?	4.59	4.57
How well did this session meet the course objectives?	4.65	4.56
How well did this session meet your personal objectives?	4.60	4.53

	<u>Linda Krulish</u>		<u>Annette Lee</u>	
	Day 1:	Day 2:	Day 1:	Day 2:
Knowledge of Topic	4.85	4.75	4.77	4.69
Communication Skills	4.85	4.74	4.69	4.61
Usefulness of Handouts	4.75	4.70	4.72	4.68
Effectiveness of Visual Aids	4.57	4.59	4.56	4.57
Adequate Opportunity for Audience Participation	4.62	4.64	4.61	4.60
Value to your Professional Development	4.79	4.74	4.77	4.71
Overall Quality of Presentation	4.76	4.71	4.71	4.66

Buena Park Evaluation Scores

October 14-15, 2009

	<u>Day 1:</u>	<u>Day 2:</u>
How would you rate this session overall?	4.50	4.55
How well did this session meet the course objectives?	4.51	4.57
How well did this session meet your personal objectives?	4.48	4.55

	<u>Debbie Chisholm</u>		<u>Kim Corral</u>	
	Day 1:	Day 2:	Day 1:	Day 2:
Knowledge of Topic	4.72	4.81	4.62	4.74
Communication Skills	4.73	4.81	4.56	4.72
Usefulness of Handouts	4.70	4.65	4.66	4.64
Effectiveness of Visual Aids	4.59	4.64	4.54	4.61
Adequate Opportunity for Audience Participation	4.56	4.59	4.51	4.57
Value to your Professional Development	4.73	4.78	4.69	4.75
Overall Quality of Presentation	4.69	4.72	4.60	4.37

Testimonials:

"This was a very fruitful class and my company's money did not go to waste. It gave us the confidence and knowledge to the when and why's of admitting Patients for home health. I'm glad I enrolled my RN supervisor and QA including myself in this seminar. I have learned a lot and reinforced what I already understood from the old OASIS." **Cheryl Orleans, As'lief Home Health**

"A value for the money" – **Joyce Moss, Accentcare**