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MDS 3.0 Implementation

ABSTRACT: DOH issues guidance on changes to MDS Sections S and Z.

DOH has issued a *Dear Administrator* letter outlining changes to Section S and Z of the MDS 3.0 that will be implemented October 1st. CMS allows each state to collect information of specific interest in MDS Section S. Items (S5, S6, and S7) identify residents who are eligible for specialty unit/facility Medicaid rate reimbursement, residents eligible for enhanced Medicaid rate reimbursement add-ons for specific conditions, and the primary payor. Section Z relates to RUGS groups and coding. The DAL contains several attachments related to Sections S and Z and can be accessed from the following link:

http://www.health.state.ny.us/professionals/nursing_home_administrator/dal_10-10_mds_3dot0_requirements_s_&z.htm

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