



Change in Status Screening & Decision Making Tool



The Change in Status Screening & Decision Making Tool below may be used by the assessor/reviewer as a job-aide to help determine, over the phone or during a quality visit, as applicable, if a **significant status change** has occurred that warrants a new MDS-HC Assessment, review and revision of the plan of care as applicable, or if a **relevant change in status** has occurred that may warrant a revision to the participant's current plan of care.

I. Significant Status Change (SSC) Definition/Criteria:				II. Relevant Change In Status Definition/Criteria:									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Significant Status Change is an improvement or decline in the participant's condition that is NOT temporary in nature, i.e., cannot be expected to resolve itself in a short period of time (e.g., 2 weeks), and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires a "Change in Status" MDS-HC Reassessment no later than 14 business days from the date you/assessor/reviewer determined that a Significant Status Change occurred; Requires a comprehensive review of all reassessment information to assure that the participant's needs for supports and services are properly identified and addressed in the most appropriate way possible; May require a revision of the Plan of Care (POC), per MDS-HC CAPs results and ADL Index/RUGs score, participant's preferences, etc., as applicable; May be counted and coded as an "Annual" reassessment" (as opposed to a "Change in Status" assessment) on the MDS-HC if the SSC occurs within the specified annual/reassessment timeline window. Should be monitored to assure problem/issue is resolving. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Relevant Change in Status is an improvement or decline in the participant's condition that is temporary in nature, i.e., can be expected to resolve itself in a short period of time (e.g., 2 weeks) OR a change in the participant's informal supports that may or may not be temporary in nature, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May require a revision to the current Plan of Care (POC) in order to better meet the participant's needs; Does Not require a "Change in Status" MDS-HC Reassessment; Should be monitored to assure problem/issue is resolving. 									
III. Change in Status Decision Making Guide – Step 1:				IV. Decision Making – Step 2:									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the table below as a guide to assist you with the information gathering process during telephone conversations or quarterly visits with the participant/caregiver(s), providers, and others, as applicable, in order to determine if there have been any improvements or decline in the participant's condition since the last MDS-HC assessment, or your last telephone or quarterly visit. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are there areas that you checked in the <i>Table</i> under <i>Section III, Decision Making Step 1</i>, that meet the Significant Status Change Definition/Criteria in Section I, above? <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 10%;">Yes</td> <td>MDS-HC Change in Status Reassessment Required</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No</td> <td>Continue to monitor for Significant Status Change criteria during monthly phone calls/quarterly home visits, as applicable</td> </tr> </table> Are there areas that you checked in the <i>Table</i> under <i>Section III, Decision Making Step 1</i>, that meet the Relevant Change in Status definition/Criteria in Section II, above? <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 10%;">Yes</td> <td>Review POC & Revise as applicable (No MDS-HC Reassessment required)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No</td> <td>Continue to monitor for Relevant Changes in Status criteria during monthly phone calls/quarterly home visits, as applicable</td> </tr> </table> 		Yes	MDS-HC Change in Status Reassessment Required	No	Continue to monitor for Significant Status Change criteria during monthly phone calls/quarterly home visits, as applicable	Yes	Review POC & Revise as applicable (No MDS-HC Reassessment required)	No	Continue to monitor for Relevant Changes in Status criteria during monthly phone calls/quarterly home visits, as applicable
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Table: Changes in status as Reported by Participant/Caregiver/Provider, or as observed by Assessor/Reviewer													
<u>Functional Performance</u>	<u>Cognitive/Mental Health</u>	<u>Social Life</u>	<u>Clinical Issues</u>										
Functional Decline	Improvement/decline in Cognitive Performance	Changes to formal Caregiver	New Diagnosis										
Functional Improvement	Delirium	Changes to Informal Supports	Hospitalization										
Change in Home Environment	Communication		Falls/Accident										
* Institutional Risk (* Refer to MDS-HC CAP)	Improvement/decline in Behavior Issues		Flair up of chronic Condition										
	* Indicators of Depression (* Refer to MDS-HC CAP)		Unstable Medical Condition										
			Emergency Room Visit(s)										
			Medication Issues										
			Fracture(s)										
			Changes in Incontinence pattern										

Participant Name: _____
 Support Coordinator: _____

Last 4 of SSN: _____
 Date of Review: _____