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MDS Clinical Questions?

Health Standards (800) 261-1318

Documentation or Review Questions and Medicaid CMI Report Questions?

Myers and Stauffer (800) 763-2278

Medicaid Case Mix RN Manager (225) 342-5255

Broadband Connectivity Update!

NEW **Important Broadband Connectivity Update: If you are still using a modem, this requires your immediate attention!** All providers must switch to a broadband connection. If you are not using a broadband connection for MDCN, an update has been posted at <https://www.qtso.com>. Click on the MDCN Information link in the blue outlined box on the right hand side of the page. The client version 7.2.1 and detailed set up instructions are available.

If you are using a network, a revised network document is available for download. Please forward it to your network administrators. They will need the port information to ensure a successful connection.

February 1st, 2009 CMS will discontinue access through dial up. Please do not wait until the last minute to set up your broadband connection. This project is over a year old now so any further delay will continue to cause increase government costs. The MDCN Help Desk is available to support your efforts at 800-905-2069; choose option 2 for technical support.

Information posted by CMS on state server.

Myers and Stauffer Website Update

Remember, beginning in April of 2009, all of the valuable resources you are used to seeing at www.mslc.com, will be moved to: <http://la.mslc.com>.

This improved site will contain all your helpful resources, including:

- Seminar Dates & Locations
- Seminar Registration Link
- Newsletters
- Data Collection Tools
- Case Mix Documentation Review Standards
- CMI Listing Report and Transmission Schedule



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Electronic Posting of CMI Reports

As you know, The Department of Health and Hospitals implemented a new process for communicating case mix reports by means of electronically posting the reports to your sub-directory on the CMS MDS server. This process began on May 29, 2008 with the electronic posting of the point in time 4/1/08 Preliminary CMI Reports.

The reports are being posted to a sub-directory within your CMS MDS validation report directory. To access this directory you must connect to the CMS MDS submission web page using your MDCN connection (broadband or dial up*) just as if you are going to transmit an MDS submission file. The Preliminary Case Mix Index Reports are posted to your CMS MDS validation report directory around the 16th of the second month following the end of each quarter (February, May, August and November). The Final Case Mix Index Reports are posted to your CMS MDS validation report directory around the 16th of the third month following the end of each quarter (March, June, September and December). Please refer to the following pages that include detailed instructions for obtaining your Preliminary and Final Case Mix Index Reports.

This is a reminder that paper copies of the reports will no longer be mailed. We encourage you to go to the web page to retrieve your electronic version of the reports. The reports are archived by the CMS MDS system every 90 days, therefore to retain these reports for your files please save them to a directory on your local computer and/or print the reports for your records.



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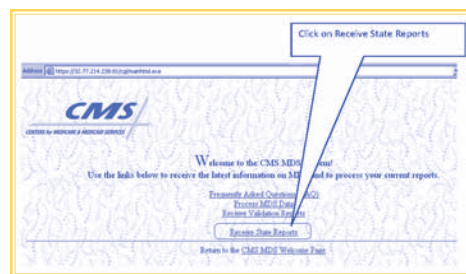
Instructions for Accessing Case Mix Index Reports Electronically

Connect to the CMS MDS submission web page using your MDCN connection as if you are going to transmit an MDS submission file.



This folder will contain your Preliminary and Final Case Mix Index Reports.

The reports will be identified using the following naming convention rules:



The name will begin with your facility's loginid assigned by the Department of Health and Hospitals, followed by the quarter and year and then the version of the report. For example:

LOGINID_Q408_PRE (This is a report for 1/1/09 and it is the Preliminary version)

LOGINID_Q408_FIN (This is a report for 1/1/09 and it is the Final version)

Should you have any questions please contact the Myers and Stauffer help desk at 1-800-763-2278.

Dear Cindy...

The "Dear Cindy..." column is a regular feature in each issue of *Louisiana Advisor*. Cindy Smith, Myers and Stauffer's RN consultant, will discuss questions that are frequently answered by our staff. We welcome your questions for future issues.



Dear Cindy:

Q. How does a facility know which quarter will be reviewed?

A. According to LAC 50:VII.1313, the sample "shall include those transmitted assessments posted on the most current point-in-time report." The rule further states that "the department may review additional or alternative MDS assessments, if it is deemed necessary."

Q. When a facility is notified of a scheduled Case Mix review, will they be told which quarter will be reviewed?

A. No. This information is not available until the entrance conference of the review.

Stay Informed

We are requesting all interested parties (facility consultants, vendors, corporate office staff and individual MDS nurses) who wish to receive announcements such as seminar notifications to submit an email address to LAHELPDESK@mslc.com. Please type "subscribe" in the subject line. In the body of message please include your full name, title, phone number and facility/company name.



All About Reviews...

Be Prepared...

If the review is not completed in one day, records completed on each review day will be considered closed and **no additional documentation will be accepted after each review day's exit conference.**

Time of Review

When a facility is notified of the day of a scheduled review, the time of the RN reviewer's arrival is not specified. The reviewer may arrive any time after 8:00 am during that day; however, if the anticipated arrival is after 3:00 pm, the facility will be notified.



Supportive Documentation for Reviews



Facilities are not requested nor required to collate supporting documentation for the case mix review. *Remember, only original legal medical records will be accepted for the review. Copies of records, such as ADL flow sheets, will not be accepted.*

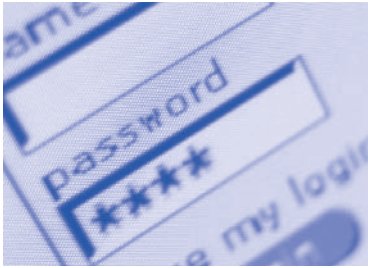
Are They Linked?

The scheduling of state surveys and case mix reviews is not related. If a facility happens to have a state survey followed closely by a case mix review, or a case mix review followed closely by a state survey, that is purely coincidental.



MDS/OASIS User Login Changes

In an effort to increase security, CMS is changing the login ID and password you currently use to log into the MDS/OASIS systems for the submission of your assessment data and CASPER reports. Early in 2009, the new system will allow two individuals from your facility to request their own Personal ID and password. The Personal ID/password will be yours exclusively – sharing your Personal ID/password will be considered a security violation. Once you have registered for your Personal ID/password, the login ID/password you are currently using will be retired.



Please use this time to determine the appropriate two employees (who already have an MDCN account) to request a Personal ID/password to access the CMS systems. For your convenience, the Registration Link (once operational) for assigning the new Personal ID/password will be featured on the MDS and OASIS State Welcome Pages. Note: This will not affect your MDCN/AT&T login ID and password. Your H@XXXXX accounts will remain the same.

Your email address is the communication link for updates regarding your named user account. Be sure that the email address you provide is a secure address that only you can access. If you do not have a secure email address, please speak with your network personnel to obtain one.

Watch this site for updates and thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions about this change, please call the QTSO help desk at 800-339-9313.

Information obtained from <https://www.qtso.com>.

MDS 3.0 Delayed!

Due to concerns that the original implementation date would not provide state agencies, software vendors and other systems with enough time to prepare, CMS announced on the National MDS 3.0 Medicaid Teleconference call on March 11, 2009, that **the MDS 3.0 implementation has a tentative date of October 1st, 2010.**



As a word of caution – any training currently being offered is based on a draft version and not the final version on the MDS 3.0. At this time, CMS has not scheduled nor authorized any training on the MDS 3.0.

Facilities will be notified when state training on the new MDS 3.0 is available.

Welcome to Myers and Stauffer

Eve Keller is our newest administrative associate who comes with strong organization skills, sales and marketing and training experience. Eve works closely with the RN Reviewers responsible for performing the Case Mix Reviews. She coordinates review schedules and also makes Case Mix review notification calls to the facilities. Eve joined us January 2009.



Joy Thompson, RN joined the firm February 2009 and brings many years of Long Term Care experience. Joy has also served as a State surveyor, Section Chief with the Ohio Department of Health, Nurse Consultant and Training Coordinator for CMS Region V and most recently QIS Master Trainer for the new Long Term Care Survey process.