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The *Louisiana Advisor* is published to keep all interested parties current on Louisiana Case Mix Reimbursement. Its goal is to provide information on major issues, work groups, and upcoming activities. The articles presented here are only a synopsis of the topics and are not intended to present a complete analysis of the issues.



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## Point-In-Time for Case Mix Reviews

Upon notification of a Case Mix review, a question we commonly hear is, "Which quarter will be reviewed?" The answer is found in the official rule, LAC 50:VII.1313. The rule states that 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."

The point-in-time will not be revealed until the entrance conference of the review. It may be the most current or the state may decide an alternate quarter should be reviewed. The specific records requested remain unknown until the RN Reviewer opens the facility file on her laptop while on the property.

## Action Required: Broadband Change

### Quick Step Instructions for Changing from HMDS to ANRMS

*Note: These instructions can be accessed at [https://www.qtso.com/download/hmds\\_to\\_anrms.pdf](https://www.qtso.com/download/hmds_to_anrms.pdf)*

CMS requires that all HMDS Broadband login profiles must be moved to the ANRMS Broadband account by June 19, 2009. The HMDS account ID's will be disabled on June 19, 2009. In order to continue to connect to the MDCN using the AT&T Client to submit MDS, OASIS, In Patient Rehab or Swing bed, and Critical Care Assessments you will need to change to the ANRMS account.

These Quick Step instructions will assist you in adding your ANRMS account ID. You will use the SAME login profile – ONLY the account will change.

**Step One:** Ensure you have the AT&T Client Managed VPN Version 7.2 or newer.

**Step Two: Make note of your login profile** – you WILL use the SAME ID. You will NOT use the same PASSWORD – more on this later. **Examples of Login Profiles:** H@numbers, IRFnumbers, SWBnumbers, CAHnumbers.

**Step Three:** Open the AT&T Client, under *Settings* (left side of client screen) select "Show the Login Properties Window".

**Step Four:** While viewing the "General Tab", under *Network Services* you will see your Account, User ID, and Network Service - select the "Configure" button to the right. *(continued on Page 3)*

**Training Coming in July**  
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# "Back To Basics" Case Mix 101 Seminar

Myers and Stauffer will be presenting the "Back to Basics – Case Mix 101" seminar under contract with the Department of Health and Hospitals . Due to the delay of the MDS 3.0 implementation, this year's program will be an educational repeat session of the seminars offered in 2008. *However, this seminar will place special*

*emphasis on the staff responsible for supporting documentation, particularly charge nurses and MDS personnel.* Topics discussed will include:

- The basics of Case Mix Reimbursement
- RUG-III classification with an emphasis on ADLs
- Supporting documentation necessary for a successful review
- Nursing restorative components and review requirements
- Financial impact of reviews
- MDS 3.0 update\*

*\*Please keep in mind, we will be offering a timeline regarding the tentative 2010 release of the MDS 3.0 update as well as any additional information that is released by CMS prior to the seminar.*

**Who Should Attend - NEW** MDS staff (all of those responsible for MDS completion and support) are strongly encouraged to attend this event.

**Continuing Education** - This program has been approved for both 5.0 Continuing Nursing Education hours by the Indiana State Nurses Association (ISNA) and 5.0 Continuing Education Hours by the National Association of Boards of Examiners of Long Term Care Administrators (NAB).

**Seminar Details** - Registration begins at 8:00 A.M. The seminar begins promptly at 8:45 A.M. and concludes by 4:00 P.M. Lunch is on own. A continental breakfast and morning/afternoon beverages will be provided. There is **no charge** to attend; however, you must be registered in advance.

**How to Register** - To REGISTER ON-LINE go to <http://la.mslc.com> and click on "Seminars". If you are unable to register on-line, please fill out the form below and mail it to the address provided. Questions may be directed to Kelley Oliver or Eve Keller at 317.846.9521 or sent via email to [lahelpdesk@mslc.com](mailto:lahelpdesk@mslc.com).

## Lafayette, LA

July 13th

Hilton Lafayette  
1521 W. Pinhook Rd.  
Lafayette, LA 70503  
337.235.6111

## Baton Rouge, LA

July 14th

Crowne Plaza Exec. Ctr.  
4728 Constitution Ave.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
225.925.2244

## Alexandria, LA

July 15th

Best Western Inn & Suites  
2720 N. MacArthur Dr.  
Alexandria, LA 71303  
318.445.5530

## Shreveport, LA

July 16th

Clarion Hotel  
1419 E. 70th Street  
Shreveport, LA 71105  
318.797.9900

### "Back To Basics" Case Mix 101

Registration is also available on-line at <http://la.mslc.com> - Click on "Seminars".

(One Registration per form, please. Copy form for additional registrants.)

Please Print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Will you be needing Continuing Education Hours? (select all that apply)  Nursing  Administrators  None Needed

If Nursing, please enter the state abbreviation: \_\_\_\_\_ License #: \_\_\_\_\_

If Administrator, please enter the state abbreviation: \_\_\_\_\_ License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the date you would like to attend:

LAFAYETTE (7/13)  BATON ROUGE (7/14)  ALEXANDRIA (7/15)  SHREVEPORT (7/16)

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM TO:

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# MDS 3.0 Implementation Timeline for October 2010

April/May 2009 – SNF PPS NPRM published in the Federal Register

May 2009 – NQF Call for Quality Measures (MDS 2.0)

July 31, 2009 – Final SNF PPS published in Federal Register

October 2009 –

- Publish final MDS 3.0 Data Specifications (including RUGs, RAP triggers and QM/QIs)
- Publish MDS 3.0 data elements (includes Admission, Quarterly, Swing Bed and Discharge MDSs)
- Publish MDS 3.0 Long-Term Care Facility Resident Assessment Instrument User’s Manual

December 2009 – NQF Endorsement of Quality Measures (MDS 2.0)

January 2010 – NQF Call for Quality Measures (MDS 3.0)

February/March 2010 – Train-the-Trainer Educational Forums

- RAI and Technical Conference(s)
- NH Stakeholders
- State Survey and State Medicaid agencies

April/May 2010 –

- SNF PPS NPRM published in the Federal Register
- Training Addendum

June 2010 – Training Addendum

July 2010 – Final SNF PPS published in Federal Register

August 2010 – Training Addendum

September 2010 – NQF Endorsement of Quality Measures (3.0)

October 1, 2010 – MDS 3.0 Implementation initiating:

- National data collection using MDS 3.0;
- SNF PPS based on MDS 3.0 data; and
- National data collection of QMs/QIs using MDS 3.0 data items

April 2011 – Begin analysis of MDS 3.0 quality measure data

July 2011 – Complete Analysis of MDS 3.0 quality measure data

October 2011 – Begin public reporting using MDS 3.0 data

## MDS Submission System Login

Beginning in May 2009 and ending in

January 2010, the conversion

from shared login IDs to personal login

IDs will be rolled out at the state level. For more detailed information on this topic or to view the deployment schedule by state, please go to <https://www.qtso.com/download/ConversionPersonalLoginIDs.pdf>.

## Action Required: Broadband Change

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**Step Five:** If you do not see the USER ID Page – select the next button. On the USER ID PAGE – the **Account** should be **ANRMS** – if it is not Change it to ANRMS. **DO NOT CHANGE THE USER ID.**  
**Step Six:** Select the “Advanced Login Properties” button. You should now see the Network page – **select “DEFAULT” (recommended).**

**Step Seven:** All other setting should remain the same – click next on each page until you reach the finish selection, select finish and OK.

**Step Eight:** Click the big green “Connect” button – Log in as if you were using a NEW ID. (Password will NOT match your old password). You will be prompted to change the password. Change it and you should be connected as usual.



More detailed Step by Step instructions and links to the software download can be found at <https://www.qtso.com/mdcn.html>.

**Reminder:** On February 1st, 2009, CMS began to discontinue dial-up accounts. To access the MDCN network, you must now use broadband; either directly or through a modem to an Internet Service Provider. If you are not connecting to the MDCN via broadband, your access may be discontinued at any time without further notice.

(Information obtained from [www.qtso.com](http://www.qtso.com), posted on 05/26/2009)



For the latest newsletters, resources, seminar updates and documentation standards, please visit our new and improved website at <http://la.mslc.com>.

# Stay Informed Dear Cindy...



If you would like to be among the first to receive seminar notifications, newsletters, resources available, etc., please send an email to [LAHELPDESK@mslc.com](mailto:LAHELPDESK@mslc.com) to subscribe to our notification list. When sending your message, please type “**subscribe**” in the subject line. In the body of message, please include your full name, title, phone number and facility/company name.



This email address can also be used for submitting general questions to the Myers and Stauffer Help Desk. Please be sure to provide all of your contact information to ensure a speedy response. Remember, resident information is considered **Protected Health Information (PHI)**. Email is not a secure format for transmitting this type of sensitive information. Please consult your HIPPA Security Officer for more information.

The "Dear Cindy..." column is a regular feature in each issue of the *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 should I code “unattended therapy” and will it be supported for the Case Mix Review?*

*A: Licensed therapy (PT, OT, ST) that is reported as “unattended” will not be supported for the Case Mix Review. Therapy services reported on the MDS must be direct therapy days and minutes. In addition, therapy services must be either provided by or directly supervised (in line of sight) by a licensed therapist.*

Specific MDS coding questions should be referred to Rose Helwig, State RAI Coordinator.

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Other	_____

**ATTENTION:  
MDS  
COORDINATOR**