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The *Louisiana Advisor* is published to keep all interested parties current on Louisiana Case Mix Reimbursement. It is our goal to provide official information on major issues such as:

- \* Clarifications/changes to the Supportive Documentation Guidelines
- \* Case Mix Review Process
- \* Policies and Procedures
- \* Upcoming Training



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A City Near You...**

## "BECOME THE EXPERT"

### MDS 3.0 Overview, RUG-III Update and Case Mix

"BECOME THE EXPERT" is an educational seminar offered under contract with the Department of Health and Hospitals. This seminar will review important updates to the RUG-III classification model as it relates to the MDS 3.0. Also included is the ADL calculation, updates to the Supportive Documentation Guidelines, review process and other case mix updates. This seminar will not include MDS 3.0 coding instruction.

### Seminar Dates & Locations

**\*Limited Space Available\***

#### Shreveport, LA

**Tuesday, July 20th**

Barnwell Garden & Art Ctr  
601 Clyde Fant Pkwy  
Shreveport, LA 71101  
(318) 673-7703

#### Shreveport, LA

**Wednesday, July 21st**

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601 Clyde Fant Pkwy  
Shreveport, LA 71101  
(318) 673-7703

#### Pineville, LA

**Thursday, July 22nd**

Country Inn & Suites  
2727 Monroe Hwy 165  
Pineville, LA 71360  
(318) 641-8332

#### Lafayette, LA

**Friday, July 23rd**

Holiday Inn Lafayette  
2032 N.E. Evangeline Trwy.  
Lafayette, LA 70501  
(337) 408-2810

#### Baton Rouge, LA

**Monday, July 26th**

Baton Rouge Marriott  
5500 Hilton Ave.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
(225) 924-5000

#### Baton Rouge, LA

**Tuesday, July 27th**

Baton Rouge Marriott  
5500 Hilton Ave.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
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**\*Additional Date Added\***

#### Baton Rouge, LA

**Wednesday, July 28th**

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Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
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### How To Register

To REGISTER ON-LINE go to <http://la.mslc.com> and click on "Seminars". Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to limited seating, we encourage you to register early. The deadline for receiving mailed registrations is 5 days prior to the seminar date. If you *require assistance or need to make any changes* to your registration, please contact the Myers and Stauffer office at (317) 815-2959.



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# "BECOME THE EXPERT" MDS 3.0 Overview, RUG-III Update and Case Mix

## Presenters

Representatives from:

- \* Myers and Stauffer LC
- \* Department of Health and Hospitals,  
Health Standards Section

## Who Should Attend

- ◆ Charge Nurses      ◆ MDS Staff
- ◆ Director of Nursing   ◆ Administrators

We strongly encourage NEW MDS Staff (those responsible for MDS completion and support) to attend this event.

## Seminar Details

Registration begins at 8:00 A.M. The seminar begins promptly at 8:30 A.M. and will conclude by 4:00 P.M.

## Seminar Costs

\$50 per registrant. Fee includes seminar binder and materials, continental breakfast and beverage breaks. Lunch is on own. Credit card and check payments are accepted. No refunds will be issued.

## Two Ways To Register

REGISTER ON-LINE at <http://la.mslc.com> and click on "Seminars". If you do not have internet access, register by completing the form below and mailing it with payment to the address provided.

## Continuing Nursing Education (CNEs)

This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the Indiana State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Approval valid through 6/16/2012 (ISNA No. CNE 10-12).

No conflicts of interest are reported by the conference planning committee or the presenters. No commercial support was used or received to fund this program.

## Administrator Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

This educational offering has been reviewed by the National Continuing Education Review Service (NCERS) of the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB) and approved for 5.50 clock hours and 5.50 participant hours.

## Successful Completion

The criteria used to verify successful completion and eligibility for continuing education hours are:

- ✓ check-in at registration
- ✓ attendance at entire event
- ✓ submission of a completed contact hour certificate at the conclusion of the training

It is the responsibility of the attendee to provide administrator or nursing license numbers and the state in which the license is held. A license number MUST be provided to receive credit. Remember to check-in at the registration table in the morning. At the end of the day, turn in your evaluation and submit the white copy of your signed certificate to a seminar coordinator.

## "BECOME THE EXPERT" MDS 3.0 Overview, RUG-III Update and Case Mix Registration is also available on-line at <http://la.mslc.com> - Click on "Seminars"

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

Please Print

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

Facility/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Please check the date you would like to attend:

▪  SHREVEPORT (July 20th)  SHREVEPORT (July 21st)  PINEVILLE (July 22nd)  BATON ROUGE (July 28th) ▪

Check(s) should be made payable to: M & S Consulting Services, Inc.

Mail registration form and check in the amount of \$50.00 **PER REGISTRANT TO:**

Myers and Stauffer LC, Attn: Louisiana Training, 9265 Counselors Row, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46240-6419

# User ID & Password

Users must log in at least once a month to either CASPER Reporting or the QIES User Maintenance application in order to keep their User IDs active.

Beginning 7/12/2010 users who have not logged into either CASPER Reporting or the QIES User Maintenance application will be unable to submit MDS assessments and access Final Validation Reports.”

## Notice: MDS Personal Login ID Requirement

A MDS Personal Login ID is required in order to access the MDS Submission System and CASPER Reports. In order to acquire a Personal Login ID, a request must be submitted to the Help Desk. A link to the MDS Personal Login ID forms can be found on the QIES Technical Support Office website <https://www.qtso.com/accessmids.html>. Forms will be processed within 5 business days.



After you receive your new MDS personal login ID, login to the QIES User Maintenance Application using the link on the MDS State Welcome Page. When you login you will enter answers to security questions, as well as, create a personal, secure password. The answers you enter for the security questions can be used to securely identify you in the event that you need to reset a forgotten password or reset an inactive account.

*Information obtained from the MDS/OASIS system for the State of Louisiana.*

## 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. As always, please refer all coding/regulatory issues to the state RAI Coordinator.



### Dear Cindy:

- Q: Is it true that assessments must be transmitted within 14 days of the completion date with MDS 3.0?
- A: Yes, assessments must be transmitted within 14 days of the completion date.
- Q: When is the first MDS 3.0 assessment due?
- A: When the ARD is 10/1/2010 or after, an MDS 3.0 is required.

## Expired Password Enforcement

Beginning July 12, 2010, MDS individual user IDs with an expired password will be unable to access the MDS

Submission System. The change to enforce expired passwords is being introduced as a part of the ongoing effort to ensure ARS (Acceptable Risk Safeguard) security compliance. The implementation date for Expired MDS Individual User ID Password Enforcement will be early morning Wednesday August 18, 2010. Downtime is expected to be minimal and access to the MDS Submission System restored before the beginning of the business day on August 18, 2010. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact the QTSO Help Desk at [help@qtso.com](mailto:help@qtso.com) or 1 (888) 477-7876.



*Information obtained from QTSO Memo 2010-109.*

## Resources!!

Changes have been made to the "Resources" section of our website. You will now have the capability of subscribing to our notification list AND accessing the most current information available on the MDS 3.0 by going to our website <http://la.mslc.com> and clicking on "Resources".



On the NEW left-hand menu, you will find two new links "CMS Updates" and "Subscribe". Check them out! If you are not currently a subscriber, be sure to sign up! Enter your email information on the "Subscribe" site to receive emails from Myers and Stauffer regarding new training information, newsletters, resources, etc. Let Myers and Stauffer be your one-stop shop for the most up-to-date information available.



As always, if you have general questions (not containing PHI) or questions/feedback pertaining to our website that you would like to submit to the Myers and Stauffer Help Desk, send us an email at [lahelpdesk@mslc.com](mailto:lahelpdesk@mslc.com). Please be sure to provide all of your contact information to ensure a speedy response.