



Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group

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TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: **POSTPONED**-Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS)-C1 Webinar:
April 30, 2014

The webinar is postponed due to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) examining the implications of the ICD-10 provision in the recently enacted *Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014* and will provide guidance to providers and other stakeholders soon on the implementation of OASIS-C1.

Memorandum Summary

- **Upcoming Webinar:** The Survey and Certification Group (SCG) is sponsoring a webinar entitled "OASIS-C1" on April 30, 2014, 2:00-3:30 pm EST **is postponed until further notice.**
- **SCG Presenter:** Patricia Sevast, RN, Nurse Consultant, along with Linda Krulish, PT, MHS, COS-C, President, OASIS Answers, Inc., and Deborah Chisholm, RN, BSN, CPHQ, COS-C, Director of Educational Programs, OASIS Answers, Inc., will present a discussion of the new OASIS-C1 data set to be implemented October 1, 2014.
- **Target Audience:** This webinar is intended for all State Survey Agencies and Regional Office staff, as well as Home Health Agency (HHA) providers.

Purpose

On, March 31, 2014, the Congress passed the *Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014* which may delay the implementation of ICD-10 coding, which is included in OASIS-C1. CMS is currently studying the provisions of the Act and the implications on the proposed implementation of OASIS-C1, and will provide guidance to providers and stakeholders. Until such time as guidance is provided, we cannot proceed with the webinar as scheduled.

On, April 30, 2014, the Survey and Certification Group is sponsoring a webinar on "OASIS-C1". The topics of this 1 ½ hour webinar include:

- The new OASIS-C1 data set and its implementation, scheduled for October 1, 2014;

- Types of changes made to the data set;
- OASIS-C1 Guidance Manual changes; and
- OASIS Q&As update.

Questions related to OASIS-C1 and its guidance should be submitted prior to and following the webinar to the OASIS mailbox at: cmsoasisquestions@oasisanswers.com.

We will not have a Q&A session at the end of the presentation. We want to make sure all questions are researched prior to answering. This may involve contacting our OASIS development contractors. Following the webinar, we will post a Q&A document addressing questions previously submitted.

We have reserved a total of 1,000 lines for this webinar. All participants will be in the same queue, so we encourage participants to call in up to 30 minutes ahead of start time. We encourage all interested State and RO Staff to participate in the webinar as it relates to the accuracy of OASIS data collection and enforcement of the Home Health Agency (HHA) Conditions of Participation (CoPs). The webinar will be archived within 3-4 weeks after the live presentation.

Our intention is to provide important guidance related to the implementation of the OASIS-C1 data set scheduled for implementation on October 1, 2014. We also encourage providers to attend this webinar. Webinar materials will be forthcoming prior to the webinar and posted at: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/OASIS/Training.html>

Logistics

If you are a surveyor and had registered for the webinar in LMS, you will receive a cancellation notice.

Providers who had planned to listen to the webinar should watch for a future S&C letter rescheduling the webinar.

For other questions related to OASIS-C1, contact Patricia Sevast at Patricia.sevast@cms.hhs.gov, 410-786-8135.

Please encourage your staff to participate in the webinar on OASIS-C1 **once the webinar is rescheduled**. The topics to be discussed are relevant to the roles of the SAs and ROs in the implementation of this new data set.

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cc: Survey and Certification Regional Office Management