



Overview and Resource Guide for January 1, 2023 Medicare changes

CMS Final CY 2023 Regulation:

You can find the CY 2023 CMS Final Regulation here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2022-23722/medicare-program-calendar-year-2023-home-health-prospective-payment-system-rate-home-health-quality>

Summary of changes:

- Updates to PPS episodic payment rates
 - Recalibration of the PDGM case-mix weights and updates to the LUPA thresholds, functional impairment levels, comorbidity adjustment subgroups, and the FDL used for outlier payments. The rule also finalized some reassignment of certain diagnosis codes under the PDGM case mix groups.
 - Permanent Cap on Wage Index Decreases
 - Implements a permanent behavioral adjustment
- OASIS E required for all Oasis assessments with a M0090 DATE ON/AFTER January 1, 2023. Here are some resources available from CMS:
 - **Link to OASIS E Data Sets:**
 - <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/quality-initiatives-patient-assessment-instruments/homehealthqualityinits/oasis-data-sets>
 - **Link to Oasis User Manual:**
 - <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/HomeHealthQualityInits/HHQIOASISUserManual>
 - CMS has provided additional guidance on exactly when OASIS-E data collection begins, noting that the version of OASIS that should be collected will be based on the M0090 – Date Assessment Completed. The M0090 date is the last date that information used to complete the comprehensive assessment and determine OASIS coding was gathered by the assessing clinician and documentation of the specific responses was completed.
 - All assessments with a M0090 - Date Assessment Completed on or before December 31, 2022, including the last 5 days of 2022 must be completed with OASIS-D1. This is true even when the first day of the new certification period is on or after January 1, 2023.

- All assessments with a M0090 - Date Assessment Completed on or after January 1, 2023, must be completed with OASIS-E. This is true even when the assessment was initiated in 2022.
 - In the past, there have been certain situations in which CMS directed agencies to use an artificial M0090 date when transitioning from one version of OASIS to another. However, CMS wants to make it clear that with this transition to OASIS-E, there is no need for the use of artificial M0090 dates.
- Expanded HHVBP to all states beginning on January 1, 2023. Please visit the HHVBP site for valuable and very important information for your agency: <https://innovation.cms.gov/innovation-models/expanded-home-health-value-based-purchasing-model>
- Finalized the end of the suspension of the OASIS data collection for non-Medicare/Non-Medicaid HHA patients. HHA's will be required to submit OASIS data for all Payors for purposes of the HH Quality Reporting Program. OASIS data collection and submission to iQies will be mandated for ALL patients receiving Skilled Care regardless of Payor beginning on:
 - Optional- Begin for all patients discharged on or after Jan 1, 2024
 - Required- Begin for all patients discharged on or after July 1, 2025
- 3 new G codes required on the final claim for agencies using Telecommunications technology
 - You will need to add these G Codes in SAM on the Medicare payor rate Tab and use the correct Service and Event code when providing these services.
 - Not being billed in 15 min increments so G0320 and G0321 will both need to be on claim
 - G0322 will need to pull the number of days as units. For example, 10 days would be reported as 10 units. Use the Rev code for any discipline that will use the data
- Continued Requirement: HHCAHPS submission is required, and agencies will be financially penalized if they are not participating in HHCAHPS. Only agencies that had less than 60 patients in the prior year and completed an exemption request that was approved are exempt from participation in this required program.

- For additional information about the Home Health Prospective Payment System, visit <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HomeHealthPPS/index.html> and <https://www.cms.gov/center/provider-Type/home-Health-Agency-HHA-Center>.
- For additional information about the Home Health Patient-Driven Groupings Model, visit <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HomeHealthPPS/HH-PDGM.html>.

- For additional information about the Home Infusion Therapy Services benefit, visit <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/Home-Infusion-Therapy/Overview.html>.

System changes and updates:

Changes in SAM

- The Oasis data set has been updated to OASIS E for assessments with a M0090 date of January 1, 2023, and after
- The Oasis scrubber has been updated. As our team continues to ensure the Oasis scrubber is working as expected we have outlined your steps. See document “OASIS E System updates and workflow modifications SAM”
- The PPS grouper has been updated
- The Medicare pricer has been updated for the 2023 CY rate updates

Changes in SPoC

- Oasis has been updated to pull the Oasis E for all Oasis assessments with a M0090 date on/after 1/1/2023
- The Oasis integration from SPoC to SAM has been updated. Our team continues to ensure all integration items regarding the Oasis data set are working as expected and we have outlined your steps. See document “OASIS E System updates and workflow modifications SPoC”
- Skip logic has been added to assist the user with completing the Oasis E assessment
- CMS guidance tip tools have been updated for CMS guidance on OASIS E

Other Resources:

NEW RESOURCE AVAILABLE

PHQ-2 to 9 Cue Card

CMS is offering a cue card to assist providers in coding the Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-2 to 9) as referenced in the coding guidance for D0150. This resource is intended to be utilized during the Patient Mood Interview as a supplemental communication tool that provides a visual reference to assist patient selection of symptom frequency.

The cue card is offered in two sizes which can be viewed or printed and is available in the **Downloads** section of the [HH QRP](#), [IRF QRP](#), and [LTCH QRP](#) Training pages.

If you have questions about accessing the resource or feedback regarding the trainings, please email [PAC Training](#).

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