Outcome and Assessment Information Set

OASIS-D

Guidance Manual

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CHAPTER 3 OASIS ITEM GUIDANCE

Chapter 3 contains item-by-item guidance for all OASIS items. For each data item, guidance is provided on the following topics:

- **OASIS ITEM**
- **ITEM INTENT:** Describes the rationale for collecting the information.
- **TIME POINTS COMPLETED:** Describes when the information is to be collected during the patient's home health episode of care.
- **RESPONSE-SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:** Describes how the clinician should decide which of the possible responses apply. These instructions may not always provide definitive guidance for selecting responses in every case, because clinical judgment may be required to determine the most accurate response to a specific item.
- **DATA SOURCES/RESOURCES:** Describes the potential sources of information that may be accessed during the assessment process to determine the most accurate response to this specific item. This may include other clinicians, administrative records, online guidance regarding diagnosis coding or other assessment guidelines, or standards promulgated by professional or accrediting organizations.

Some items have additional guidance in the following categories:

- **CODING INSTRUCTIONS:** The proper method of recording each response, with explanations of individual response categories.
- **CODING TIPS:** Coding tips are clarifications, issues of note, and conditions to be considered when coding each OASIS item.
- **EXAMPLES:** Examples illustrate appropriate coding for several of the OASIS items.