

# Eli's Rehab Report

## SNF: Translation Tool: Transfers

### Your Guide to the Difference Between MDS-Speak & Therapy Speak

When MDS describes transfers, it uses the following language, observed **Renee Kinder, MS, CCC-SLP, RAC-CT**, Clinical Specialist at Evergreen Rehabilitation in Louisville, KY:

How resident moves between surfaces including to or from: bed, chair, wheelchair, standing position (excludes to/from bath/toilet).

In contrast, a therapist's terms in the medical record are much more specific:

- Sit to Stand
- Stand Pivot
- Standing
- Mat Transfer
- Bed Transfer
- Wheelchair Transfer
- Car Transfer
- Need for AD during Transfer

Understanding the differences between how the MDS screening tool briefly describes transfers and the more detailed language that therapists use can help interdisciplinary teams secure reimbursement for medically necessary therapy in SNFs, Kinder observed during her recent **AudioEducator** audioconference.