

## MDS Alert

### Diagnosis Coding Update

Coding Section I

Would you code a diagnosis of quadriparesis at item I1z (quadri-palegia - paralysis - temporary or permanent impairment of sensation, function, mobility of all four limbs)?

Answer: No, according to the April 2004 update to the Resident Assessment Instrument user's manual (p. 3-129). (For the latest on MDS coding changes and what they mean for your facility, see ""Nail Down The Latest Coding Changes For Restorative, IVs And Wounds".)