

MDS Alert

MDS 3.0 Tip: Be Ready to Incorporate Resident Voice in Care Planning When MDS 3.0 Goes Live

Surveyors may target this omission.

Translating the MDS 3.0 resident interviews into a person-centered care plan will require some effort -- one that surveyors may be reviewing with 20/20 hindsight.

The MDS 3.0 "is really going to be a survey trigger in terms of what facilities do with resident voice," predicts consultant **Jane Belt, MS, RN, RAC-MT**. "That's especially true for the customary routine and preferences interview," says Belt, with Plante & Moran PLLC in Columbus, Ohio. For example, as part of that interview, suppose the resident says something is "somewhat important" to him. "Do you care plan that?"

Belt thinks the team will need to have further discussions with the resident/family "to get to the bottom line of what the person feels and really wants" as part of his care and life in the facility.