

MDS Alert

MDS News to Use: Check Out These Changes To State RAI & MDS Automation Coordinator Lists

Also: Here's where you can access the MDS Frequency Report.

The **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** (CMS) recently posted two key documents on its website – one of which could change the contact information for your state RAI coordinator.

On July 3, CMS announced an update of the RAI Manual's Appendix B. This section contains changes in the list of state RAI coordinators, as well as MDS automation coordinators. You can access the updated Appendix B at www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Downloads/MDS30Aappendix_B.pdf.

And on June 20, CMS announced it posted the new "MDS 3.0 Frequency Report," which summarizes information from MDS assessment records for residents currently in nursing homes. The Frequency Report consolidates the MDS assessment information for each active resident to create a profile of the most recent standard information.

To access the Frequency Report, go to www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Computer-Data-and-Systems/Minimum-Data-Set-3-0-Public-Reports/Minimum-Data-Set-3-0-Frequency-Report.html.