

## MDS Alert

### Quality Reporting: Coding End-Stage Disease Excludes Residents From These Quality Measures

If the **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** gives you a break in your quality reporting, make sure you get the benefit of it. Coding J5c (physician-certified life expectancy of six months or less) excludes a resident from these QMs:

1. Resident whose need for help with ADLs has increased
2. Resident whose ability to move in and around the room got worse
3. Short-stay residents with delirium