

MDS Alert

Reader Question: Record IV Fluids Here

Question: I have a resident who is receiving 750 mL of fluids weekly, intravenously. Do I record this on the MDS?

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Answer: Yes, the RAI Manual says on page K-11, concerning parenteral/IV feeding: "The following fluids may be included **when there is supporting documentation that reflects the need for additional fluid intake specifically addressing a nutrition or hydration need. This supporting documentation should be noted in the resident's medical record according to State and/or internal facility policy**" (emphasis original). Don't miss the requirement for documentation in the medical record showing that the resident in question has a need for this kind of hydration.