

## MDS Alert

### Reader Question: This Assessment Stands Alone

**Question:** If a resident is admitted on September 29, can I do both an interim payment assessment (IPA) and an OBRA assessment for that resident on Oct. 1, 2019, when the patient-driven payment model (PDPM) goes into effect?

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**Answer:** No - the IPA is a stand-alone assessment. You will need to complete an admission assessment and/or five-day assessment for the resident for September and then proceed with an IPA for October, making sure that you set the assessment reference date (ARD) for the IPA between Oct. 1-Oct. 7 for PDPM.

The five-day assessment can be combined with an OBRA assessment, CMS says, in a PDPM fact sheet, but, again, the IPA must be a stand-alone assessment - it cannot be combined with any others.