

MDS Alert

Reader Questions: Don't Worry About Part A Discharge in This Expiration Situation

Question: If a Part A resident expires, do I need to complete a Part A PPS Discharge? I've read that only the "Death Tracker" is required in this situation, but I'm not sure.

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Answer: A Part A PPS Discharge may be required, but it depends on when the resident dies.



The Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Manual says, "If the End Date of Most Recent Medicare Stay (A2400C) **occurs on the same day** that the resident dies, a Death in Facility Tracking Record is completed, with the Discharge Date (A2000) equal to the date the resident died. In this case, a Part A PPS Discharge assessment is **not** required," on page A-36 (emphasis original).