

MDS Alert

Test Yourself: Weigh In On Coding Section J1a

True or false?

You don't code J1a on the MDS (weight gain or loss of three pounds or more in the past seven days) if you don't weigh residents weekly.

Answer: True. Leave the item blank if staff don't weigh the resident in the same manner at least weekly, advised **Michelle McDonald, RN, MPH**, a DAVE clinical consultant presenting during a **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** Webcast on MDS coding accuracy focusing, in part, on Section J.