

## **MDS Alert**

## What Do You Think?

Question: Can different MDS assessments have overlapping assessment reference periods?

**Answer:** Yes. If you set the Medicare 5-day MDS assessment reference date on day 7, for example, and the Medicare 14day MDS' ARD on day 11, then the opportunity does exist for capturing some of the same information on both MDS assessments.

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