

MDS Alert

What Do You Think?: Know the Ropes for These Assessments and Tracking Records

Question: Can you walk us through admission assessments and tracking requirements under MDS 3.0?

Answer: "When a resident is discharged-return anticipated, but did not get an admission assessment in the previous stay," you do an admission/entry tracking record and an admission assessment, advises **Judy Wilhide Brandt, RN, RAC-MT, C-NE**, a consultant in Virginia Beach, Va.

Brandt. "When a resident is discharged return anticipated and is gone for more than 30 days [you] also have to do an admission entry record and another admission assessment," adds Brandt.

When following the PPS schedule, do a PPS 5-day MDS whenever you do an admission entry record, and a PPS Medicare return/readmit when you do a reentry entry record, Brandt adds. "And, of course, do a new admission entry record and admission assessment whenever someone is discharged return not anticipated and returns."

Editor's note: See Brandt's algorithm on page 46 which explains how this all works.