

## OASIS Alert

### Education: CLARIFY YOUR DEFINITION OF 'CHANGE' FOR M0200 ACCURACY

**Question:** When answering M0200 (Medical or Treatment Regimen Change Within Past 14 Days), which of the following--occurring within the 14 days--is NOT considered a medical or treatment change?

- A) Physician referral for home health services.
- B) Medication adjusted for previously diagnosed diabetes.
- C) Insulin started for newly diagnosed diabetes.
- D) Office appointment with referring physician.
- E) Both A and D.

**Answer: E.** For the purposes of M0200, "a physician appointment by itself or a referral for home health services does not qualify as a medical or treatment regimen change," the **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** instructs in Question 40 of its recently released OASIS questions and answers.

You should focus on any change in treatment, whether or not it is accompanied by a change in diagnosis, CMS suggests. Some examples of qualifying changes include:

- Change in medication dosage.
- Newly ordered therapy services.
- New medication prescribed.
- Change in wound treatment.

**Tip:** A treatment regimen change occurring on the day of assessment does qualify as having occurred within the 14 days, CMS adds.

Note: Access CMS' Q&As at [www.qtso.com/hhdownload.html](http://www.qtso.com/hhdownload.html) --scroll down to OASIS Q&As and select Category 4.