

## OASIS Alert

### Education: Clearly Define Change For M0200 Accuracy

**Don't forget the day of assessment.**

**Question:** When you answer M0200 (Medical or treatment regimen change within the past 14 days) which of the following, if it occurs within those 14 days, is NOT considered a medical or treatment change?

- A) A physician's referral for home health services.
- B) Medication adjusted for previously diagnosed diabetes.
- C) Insulin started for newly diagnosed diabetes.
- D) Office appointment with a 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 its OASISquestions and answers.

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:

- Changes 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 instructs.

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