

## OASIS Alert

### Education: COUNTING OASIS DAYS MAY BE CONFUSING

First ask why you're counting.

**Question:** When counting days for OASIS required time points, the start of care date is counted as:

- A) Day 0
- B) Day 1
- C) Sometimes 0, sometimes 1

**Answer: C) Sometimes 0, sometimes 1.**

In an answer to a question from the **OASIS Certificate and Competency Board**, the **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** says the SOC date is counted as Day 0 when calculating the days you have to complete the comprehensive OASIS assessment, whether initial, transfer, discharge or death date. But when you need to calculate a 60-day episode, the SOC day is Day 1.