OASIS Alert

Prospective Payment System: BLAZE A TRAIL THROUGH THE INFORMATION BLIZZARD

Sick and tired of spending hours online hunting down information about OASIS? Here are the essential Internet addresses for finding those elusive OASIS answers:

1. **CMS publications (manuals, forms and consumer publications):** http://www.cms.hhs.gov/publications/

2. **CMS quarterly regulatory update for home health providers:** http://www.cms.hhs.gov/providerupdate/hha.asp

3. **Federal Register Online:** http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html

4. **Provider Reimbursement Review Board appeals information:** http://www.cms.hhs.gov/providers/prrb/prrb.asp

5. **Open Door Forums for home health:** http://www.cms.hhs.gov/opendoor/homehealth-hospice.asp

6. **Home Health Quality Initiative (Home Health Compare overview, QIO and surveyor info):** http://www.cms.hhs.gov/quality/hhqi/

7. **Instructions for accessing OBQI and OBQM reports:** http://www.cms.hhs.gov/oasis/222hhagd.pdf

8. **Clearinghouse for OBQI information from quality improvement organizations:** http://www.obqi.org/

9. **Quality improvement contacts in every state:** http://www.ahqa.org

10. **OASIS regulations:** http://www.cms.hhs.gov/oasis/hhregs.asp

11. **OASIS-B1 data set (effective 12/2002):** http://www.cms.hhs.gov/oasis/oasisdat.asp

12. **HAVEN software (fixes, updates, technical support info):** http://www.cms.hhs.gov/oasis/havensof.asp

13. **OASIS data submission specifications version 1.30:** http://www.cms.hhs.gov/oasis/datasubm.asp

14. **OASIS user manual (including data submission system guide and HAVEN reference manual):** http://www.cms.hhs.gov/oasis/usermanu.asp

15. **OASIS and OBQI background information, including explanation of risk adjustment:** http://www.cms.hhs.gov/providers/hha/default.asp

16. **OASIS Education Coordinators (phone numbers and e-mail):** http://www.cms.hhs.gov/oasis/hhoec.pdf

17. **OASIS Automation Coordinators (for help with technical issues):** http://www.cms.hhs.gov/oasis/hhoac.pdf

18. **PPS and OASIS (including link to Excel spreadsheet for determining recertification dates):** http://www.cms.hhs.gov/oasis/oasispps.asp

19. **OASIS questions and answers (more than 250):** http://questions.cms.hhs.gov/cgi-bin/cmshhs.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php?p_cat_lvl1=3&p_cat_lvl2=33

20. **CMS guidance to state surveyors:** http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/ltcsp/ltcmemos.asp

21. **Official guidelines for coding:** http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icd9/icdguide.pdf