

OASIS Alert

Test Your OASIS Savvy ...

Question #1: Does an agency need to complete a discharge assessment for a patient who is discharged after a hospital stay?

Answer: No. You don't need to do any additional assessment or OASIS data collection in this situation, says Wisconsin's **Department of Health and Family Services** in its OASIS frequently asked questions. The patient will have already had OASIS data reported at the point of transfer to the inpatient facility. All that is left to do is a "paper discharge" in the agency's records, DHFS advises.

Question #2: Can you discharge a patient who remains in the hospital beyond the 60-day certification period? What information do you use to complete the discharge OASIS?

Answer: Yes, the agency should discharge a patient who remains in the hospital beyond day 60 of the episode, according to the **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services'** frequently asked questions. Because the patient has not been in the agency's care since admission to the hospital, no additional OASIS assessment is needed.