

OASIS Alert

Test Your OASIS Savvy ...: DON'T OVERDO DISCHARGE ASSESSMENTS

One discharge assessment in an episode should be enough.

True or False? When a patient's payer source changes from another source to Medicare during an episode, a discharge OASIS is not required.

True. OASIS regulations do not require a discharge assessment in this situation, according to a **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** response to a vendor-submitted question, reports the **National Association for Home Care & Hospice**. "The regulations do not require an OASIS discharge assessment until the patient is truly discharged from the agency," NAHC states in its recent guidance on discharge assessment rules. But performing a "paper discharge for OASIS purposes" may help avoid warnings from HAVEN and improve outcome accuracy, NAHC suggests.