

August 2025 Edition of the ODH MDS Question of the Month

Below are the questions of the month for August 2025.

Question of the Month

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M1040B, Diabetic Foot Ulcers.

Question: If a diabetic foot ulcer is surgically debrided, would this reclassify the wound as a surgical wound and therefore be coded at data item M1040E, Surgical Wounds?

Answer: Surgical debridement of a diabetic foot ulcer does not create a surgical wound. A diabetic foot ulcer that has been surgically debrided should continue to be coded as such in data item M1040B, Diabetic foot ulcers.

D0500, Staff Assessment of Resident Mood

Question: Can the staff assessment for data item D0500, Staff Assessment of Resident Mood, be conducted after the assessment reference date?

Answer: For data item D0500, Staff Assessment of Resident Mood, the assessor should conduct the interviews during the 7-day look-back period based on the assessment reference date.

M1040F, Burn(s) (second or third degree).

Question: If a resident has a second- or third-degree radiation burn, should this be coded at M1040F, Burn(s)?

Answer: Coding burns on the MDS 3.0 assessment is indicated when the resident has a tissue injury presenting as a second- or third-degree burn caused by heat or chemicals. Radiation burn is not caused by heat nor chemicals and is not coded on the MDS 3.0 assessment in Section M. It may be captured in item I8000 if requirements are met.

If you have a Question of the Month to submit, please email Cheryl.Moya@odh.ohio.gov and place Question of the Month in the subject line.

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