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To: Nursing Facility MDS Nurses

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Subject: MDS Items needed for PDPM

The Ohio Department of Medicaid elected to require that nursing facilities complete PDPM items on stand-alone OBRA assessments effective October 1, 2020. A review of the MDS assessment submissions has found that some of your facility's MDS assessments contain missing or incomplete information in the MDS item set fields I0020, I0020B and/or the Section GG items associated with PDPM.

When a response to the I0020 and I0020B fields have either not been submitted or the response in I0020B does not match one of the valid International Classification of Diseases (ICD) codes for the resident's condition, a PDPM HIPPS code cannot be generated. Links to the PDPM ICD codes for I0020B can be found [here](#).

Additionally, MDS assessments have been submitted with dashes ("-") reported in some or all the PDPM sections GG0130 and GG0170 items necessary for the proper classification of residents under PDPM. The appropriate responses for these section GG items are:

06 - Independent	07 – Resident refused
05 – Setup or clean-up assistance	09 – Not applicable
04 – Supervision or touching assistance	10 – Not attempted due to environmental limitations
03 – Partial/moderate assistance	88 – Not attempted due to medical condition or safety concerns
02 – Substantial/maximal assistance	
01 – Dependent	

In accordance with the RAI manual, "A dash ("-") indicates 'No information.' CMS expects dash use to be a rare occurrence." Accordingly, responses are anticipated to be available for all relevant resident interactions. Please review your procedures for submitting responses to the section GG items to ensure a dash is a rare occurrence and appropriate responses are indicated on the MDSs as shown above.

Please make certain your future MDS assessment submissions have valid and complete responses for all section GG and section I items. Should you have additional questions regarding the

completion of the MDS, please contact Cheryl Moya, RAI Coordinator at Cheryl.Moya@odh.ohio.gov.