

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Questions and Answers:

Home Health, Hospice and DME Open Door Forum

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1. Question: Could you please tell us where we can get the quality and annual performance reports one more time? (referring to the Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Report)
 - a. Answer: If you go into it iQIES where your other Home Health reports are, you will be able to find them in there. There's specific instructions in case you're not used to that system listed on our Web page. If you don't find them, send a message to our helpdesk or the IT helpdesk.
2. Question: Can I just get the email address to get more information on becoming a panel expert?
 - a. Answer: Yes. It's hospice SFP, so H-O-S-P-I-C-E SFP at ABTASSOC dot com, stands for Abt Associates. It's also on the CMS QSOG spotlight Web page as well. (HospiceSFP@abtassoc.com)
3. Question: I'd like to ask if there's a way of getting an updated draft of the Home Health releases e-forms. I understand it's been submitted for OMB approval. The data specification manual has been finalized, which leads me to believe that the forms with all the updated questions, are final. The most recent draft of the OASIS e-form is not consistent with that data submission document, and it's really essential, since it's effective January 1st, to be able to get an updated form so agencies and vendors can start implementing and planning for the out roll.
 - a. Answer: In reference to the data specifications, what is currently on the OASIS data specific - like the Web site itself, is the most current information that we have. The actual OASIS dataset Web page would have the OASIS E updated instruments. And those changes would have been in effect as of May 16th. The final OASIS E instrument will not be available until it has gone through OMB approval.
 - i. Comment: Okay, I appreciate that. The data specifications, for example on the very new question about race and ethnicity, has a new option where a patient declined to respond, as opposed to that this is not on the all-forms that was released in May.
 1. Answer: Correct.

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