



Home Health OASIS Submission/Correction Policy:

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This fact sheet contains information about the policy change for the OASIS submission/correction timeframe effective January 1, 2020

Policy Change for Assessment Submission/Correction Limit

The current CMS policy for submission and/or correction of patient assessment records allows providers to submit and/or correct records for up to 36 months from the assessment target date. Effective January 1, 2020, the CMS policy for patient assessment submission/correction will be changed to 24 months from the assessment target date. The policy change applies to new, modified, and/or inactivated records. This includes home health OASIS assessments.

Is the OASIS submission deadline changing?

No, the OASIS submission deadline is not changing. The CMS Home Health Conditions of Participation require that a home health agency (HHA) electronically transmit accurate, completed, and encoded OASIS data to a centralized data submission system within 30 days of the completion of the assessment (M0090 Date Assessment Completed).

How does this policy change affect late submissions and/or corrections?

Home health agencies should still complete and submit OASIS assessments, even if that means the completion/submission would be "late." Moreover, any corrections (modifications or inactivations) should be made to OASIS assessments containing errors, even if that means the newly completed record (after an inactivation) would be late. The current CMS policy for submission and/or correction of patient assessment records allows providers to submit new records and/or inactivate or correct records for up to 36 months from the assessment target date. Effective January 1, 2020 home health agencies will not be able to submit new records and/or inactivate or correct records that have a target date past 24 months. **This policy change reflects the OASIS data submission limit. OASIS assessments (new, modified, or inactivated assessments) that are submitted more than 24 months after the assessment target date will not be accepted by the OASIS System.**

Does this policy change impact the OASIS data correction deadline for Public Reporting?

No, this policy does not impact the OASIS data correction deadline for Public Reporting. Only OASIS data corrected or submitted by the data correction deadline will be reflected on the Home Health Compare website. The data correction deadline is approximately 4.5 months after the close of the calendar quarter. Agencies may make corrections to their OASIS data after the data correction deadline for that quarter; however those corrections will not be reflected in the agency's publicly reported data on Home Health Compare.

If an agency submits OASIS data after the data correction deadline, the corrected data will only be reflected in certain CASPER quality measure reports (i.e., Outcome Report, Process Measures Report, Tally Reports) and will not be reflected in the publicly reported data on Home Health Compare. OASIS data corrected or submitted after the data correction deadline will not be reflected in the Review and Correct Reports, Provider Preview Reports, or on the Home Health Compare website.

What are the different OASIS Data Submission and Correction Deadlines?

1. **OASIS Submission Requirement:** Home health agencies are required to transmit OASIS assessments within 30 days of the assessment date. OASIS data submitted within 30 days of the assessment date are considered to have met the requirement of submitting the quality data.
2. **OASIS Review and Correct Data Submission Deadline:** Only OASIS data corrected or submitted by the data correction deadline will be reflected on the Home Health Compare website. The quarterly OASIS data submission deadlines are available on the Home Health Quality Reporting webpage at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/HomeHealthQualityInits/Home-Health-Quality-Reporting-Data-Submission-Deadlines.html> and on the CASPER Review and Correct Reports found within the QIES CASPER Reporting Suite.
3. **OASIS Data Submission Limit:** In its Memo on the Policy Change for Assessment Submission Timeframes, CMS announced the maximum time for submitting corrected or late OASIS assessments is changing from 36 months to 24 months. **Effective January 1, 2020 OASIS assessments with a target date of more than 24 months prior to the submission date will result in a fatal error and will be rejected by the OASIS System.** Target Date is defined as the M0090 Date Assessment Completed) date.

Resources

Detailed instructions on accessing CASPER Reports and encoding and transmitting OASIS data are found on the QIES Technical Support Office (QTSO) website: <https://qtso.cms.gov/>.

For technical questions, (such as data submission/transmission) consider contacting the Technical Help Desk, E-mail: HELP@qtso.com, Phone: 1--877-201-4721.

Questions related to OASIS data collection, quality measures, measure calculation, Quality of Patient Care Star Rating, Home Health Compare, risk adjustment, public reporting and Quality Assessment Only (QAO)/Pay for Reporting may be submitted to the Home Health Quality Help Desk at homehealthqualityquestions@cms.hhs.gov.

Questions regarding Medicare payment (and payment/coverage/requirements) for home health: HomeHealthPolicy@cms.hhs.gov.