

Use of Dashes in Completing the MDS 3.0 Assessment

CMS has advised that when dashes are used in assessments, it is impacting public reporting and Five-Star information. They want to stress to providers that assessments should be fully completed with information available at the time of assessment completion. CMS is aware that providers need clarity especially in regard to the unexpected discharge assessment. The RAI panel is working with CMS to prepare additional guidance documentation.