



## QTSO MEMORANDUM

### MEMO

**NUMBER:** 2011-073

**TO:** QIES State Coordinators

**CC:** CMS Central and Regional Office Contacts

**FROM:** Diana Schroeder, QIES Technical Support Office

**DATE:** May 25, 2011

**SUBJECT:** All State QIES Technical Call Minutes – May 10, 2011

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### ASPEN

#### ASPEN 10.1.1 Deployment

(Pam Bosley, CMS)

- The deployment was successful; it began on April 30<sup>th</sup> and was complete on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The following items were included in the release:
  - ESRD application form and hospital worksheet.
  - Medicaid-only Psychiatric and Non-Psychiatric hospitals.
- The following will no longer be uploaded to OSCAR. They will go directly to CASPER instead. With this release, OSCAR data will no longer be current; only request reports from CASPER or QW:
  - Complaint 562 data
  - ESRD and Hospital certification kits
- In addition, the following changes related to the ACA (Affordable Care Act) were also implemented.
  - Additions: Independent IDRs, 50% CMP reduction option, and CMP Escrow account.
  - NH Enforcement ACA changes were included in the release; however, those changes are effective January 1, 2012, and will not be available until January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- All enhancements are documented in the Release Notes.
- The following Regulations sets were also updated with the release:
  - New OPO Reg Set: Version 2.0.
  - Patch for LTC Reg Set: Version 12.01.
  - Patch for ASC Reg Set: Version 7.03.

## **HHA/OASIS**

### **Removal of HHA Registration Link**

Kim Jasmin, CMS

- Reminder – the HHA registration link was removed April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- As explained in QTSO Memo #2011-037 (dated March 21, 2011), agency users can no longer self-register; they must use the paper request form on <http://www.qtsso.com>.  
**Note:** A copy of the memo is included at the end of these minutes.

### **Revised OASIS-C Reporting Transition Matrix**

Kim Jasmin, CMS

- The revised OASIS Reporting Transition Matrix is available at:  
<http://www.cms.gov/HomeHealthQualityInits/Downloads/HHQI508TransitionReport.pdf>
- Timeline change for CASPER Reports. Originally scheduled to be completed in May, 2011. Issues caused a delay in the release of the OASIS-C Risk-Adjusted Outcomes and Potentially Avoidable Events Measures reports. These will be available in July.
- The matrix on the CMS website is a revised transition reporting schedule. Contains 12 months of OASIS C data from May, 2010 through April, 2011.
- Home Health Compare data will be from April, 2010 through March, 2011.

### **OASIS Item M1012**

(Kim Jasmin, CMS)

- CMS has determined that data from OASIS Item M1012 is insignificant. The item is no longer used for payment, quality measure development, or risk adjustment.
- Effective immediately, this item can no longer be left blank on assessments. Correct responses are Unknown, Not Applicable, or Reporting of Procedures and Codes.

## **MDS**

### **JRAVEN Release**

(Karen Edrington, CMS)

- JRAVEN 1.1.1 was posted on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The software was updated to include Section S items for April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The upgrade also corrected issues reported in the previous release.

### **MDS 3.0 Fall Release**

(Ellen Berry, CMS)

- Section S is currently in revision; the updated specifications are expected to be released in the next two weeks.
- The next MDS Vendor call will be held in early June. No date has been set at this time.
- The SNF Policy proposed rule will be included in the fall release (September, 2011), if it's approved.

## **Other**

### **Network Transition Update**

(Amy Tam, CMS)

- The transition scheduled has not been made available to CMS. We hope to have it in the next few weeks so we can share it with the states.
- Verizon has been working with the states to deliver the circuits; circuits have been delivered to more than half of the states. AT&T will not be shut down until all conversions are successfully completed.
- A link to the submissions landing page for providers will be on linked from QTSO.com. The URL is <https://www.qtso.com/submissions/submissions.html>. The current version of the landing page is a mock-up of the proposed Verizon submissions page, and is a work in progress.
- Information regarding User IDs will be posted on <https://www.qtso.com>.
- Changes will be made as updates become available.

### **Host on Demand changes**

(Justyna Sardin, CMS)

- This was an independent project from the AT&T to VERIZON switchover. The IP address change will be done in the future.
- CMS requested that Lockheed Martin cease communicating with end users. Lockheed Martin will contact QIES and ASPEN coordinators in the states at the end of the AT&T to Verizon transition. The routing on the CMSNet side will be done as a part of the transition.
- The last two digits of the IP address will change; however, the same subnet will be used.

### **QW Training**

(Justyna Sardin, CMS)

- The Comprehensive session of QW training was held last week.
- The Advanced QW training session will be held in Maryland May 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. A few seats are still open.

**Note:** Participation in the Advanced session is limited to those who have already taken the Comprehensive training.

### **QIES Technical Conference Update**

(Theresa Spady, CMS)

- The conference will be held June 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Holiday Inn Inner Harbor in Baltimore, MD.
- So far, there are 74 registrants; space for another 50 people is available. For those who have registered, please make hotel reservation; cut off is June 14<sup>th</sup>. A block of rooms has been set aside for training participants.

### **ASPEN Technical Training**

(Theresa Spady, CMS)

- ASPEN Technical Training will be held in August. The agenda is not available yet.
- Registration is open at this time; so far, only three have registered for the basic course; Theresa encouraged everyone to register as early as possible.
- Four advanced classes are open for registration. We plan to have the agenda out soon.



## QTSO MEMORANDUM

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**NUMBER:** 2011 – 037

**TO:** QIES State Coordinators

**CC:** CMS Central and Regional Office Contacts

**FROM:** Erin Harris, QIES Technical Support Office

**DATE:** March 21, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Removal of HHA Individual User Registration Link  
Effective April 1, 2011

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### Self-Registration Link Discontinued

The HHA Individual User Registration link will be removed from the OASIS State Welcome Page on April 1, 2011. After this date, agency users will no longer be able to self-register for HHA personal login IDs.

### New Agency Setup Procedures

The requirement for users to acquire personal login IDs will not impact procedures in ACO when setting up a new agency. New agency set-up in ACO should still include the creation of the state assigned agency login ID and password. Creation of the state assigned agency login ID and password, trigger the creation of agency report folders on the QIES state and national databases which are a vital component of the agency reporting process.

### Login ID Acquisition

To acquire an HHA personal login ID, agencies will be required to complete and submit the OASIS Individual User Account Request form. This form will be available on the QIES Technical Support Office website ([www.qtso.com](http://www.qtso.com)) in advance of the removal of the registration link.

**Note:** All information on the form must be complete in order for the request to be processed. Incomplete forms will be returned to the sender.

### Form Completion

Complete the following sections of the form to request a HHA personal login ID:

- Type of request: Check the 'Create New Access' checkbox.
- New User Information:
  - User Name
  - User Phone
  - User E-Mail Address

**Note:** The e-mail address included with the request must be accurate.

- Agency Information:
  - Agency Name
  - Medicare CCN
  - Facility ID (use for new agency test file submission)
  - Agency Physical Address
  - Agency Mailing Address
- Contact Person/Administrator Authorization
  - Contact Person Name
  - Contact Person Title
  - Contact Person Phone
  - Request Date
  - Contact Person E-Mail Address

### **Form Submission**

When the form is completed, fax or e-mail the form to the QTSO Help Desk (fax and E-Mail information are included on the form). The form will be processed within five (5) business days. Individual users will be contacted via e-mail with the new HHA personal login ID.

### **Use of Personal Login ID**

Once the new HHA personal login ID and password are available, the user will be able to submit assessments and access CASPER Reports immediately. Access to the Validation Reports will be available the following day.

**Note:** The OASIS Individual User Account Request form is to be used to request access for users who are directly employed by the agency and **not** for OASIS Corporate or Third-Party Service Bureau users.

OASIS Corporate and Third-Party Service Bureau users will continue to use the OASIS Corporate Access Request and OASIS Third Party Service Bureau Access Request forms. These forms will be used to request new Corporate and Third-Party Service Bureau personal login IDs, or to add or revoke agency access from existing Corporate and Third-Party Service Bureau personal login IDs.

If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact the QTSO Help Desk at [help@qtso.com](mailto:help@qtso.com) or 1 (888) 477-7876.