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What's new with the October 2020 MDS item set

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MDS 3.0 v1.18.1 and COVID-19

1135 Blanket Waiver… 13 March 2020

- CMS is delaying the release of updated versions of the Minimum Data Set (MDS) needed to support the Transfer of Health (TOH) Information Quality Measures and new or revised Standardized Patient Assessment Data Elements (SPADEs) in order to provide maximum flexibilities for providers of Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) to respond to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE).

- The release of updated versions of the MDS will be delayed until October 1st of the year that is at least 2 full fiscal years after the end of the COVID-19 PHE. For example, if the COVID-19 PHE ends on September 20, 2020, SNFs will be required to begin collecting data using the updated versions of the item sets beginning with patients discharged on October 1, 2022.

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MDS Blanket Waiver

Reporting Minimum Data Set…

CMS is waiving 42 CFR 483.20 to provide relief to SNFs on the timeframe requirements for Minimum Data Set assessments and transmission.

This waiver only applies to transmission of MDS to QIES. Still have to complete timely; care planning requirements still apply.

Remember, you must have any/all MDS' accepted at QIES before you can bill for reimbursement.

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(CMS pulled v1.18.1 draft on 19 March 2020)

CMS is delaying the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 v1.18.1 release, which had been scheduled for October 1, 2020, in response to stakeholder concerns. The MDS item sets are used by Nursing Home and Swing Bed providers to collect and submit patient data to CMS. This MDS data informs payment, quality, and the survey process.

In December of 2019, CMS posted a draft of the MDS 3.0 item set v1.18.0 and received feedback from our stakeholders. We would like to thank the stakeholders for sharing their concerns regarding the ***proposed changes to the MDS 3.0 item sets*** and more specifically the ***removal of the Section G items from OBRA assessments***.

The MDS changes CMS planned for October 1, 2020 will now be delayed. CMS staff are actively engaged in discussions with various stakeholders, regarding the various changes, the impacts of these changes, as well as, the compressed timeline to educate and train facility staff and update software and IT systems.

Please direct any comments or questions regarding the above information to MDSCodinganswers@cms.hhs.gov mailbox.

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Post-Acute Care Quality Reporting Programs

Updated MDS 3.0 Item Sets v1.17.2 and Technical Data Specifications Now Available

In response to State Medicaid Agency and stakeholder requests, CMS has updated the MDS 3.0 item sets (version 1.17.2) and related technical data specifications. These changes will support the calculation of PDPM payment codes on OBRA assessments when not combined with the 5-day SNF PPS assessment, specifically the OBRA comprehensive (NC) and OBRA quarterly (NQ) assessment item sets, which was not possible with item set version 1.17.1. This will allow State Medicaid Agencies to collect and compare RUG-III/IV payment codes to PDPM ones and thereby inform their future payment models.

The changes to the technical data specifications that support these modifications are contained in the Errata v3.00.4 which can be accessed in the file: MDS 3.0 data specs errata (v3.00.4) Final 04-30-2020 in the Downloads section of the MDS 3.0 Technical Information page. Supporting materials including the 1.17.2 Item Change History report and the revised 1.17.2 Item Sets can be accessed in the file: MDS 3.0 Final Item Sets v1.17.2 for October 1 2020 zip also posted in the Downloads section of the MDS 3.0 Technical Information page.

Please confirm with your State Medicaid Agency if your State will be requiring the calculation of the PDPM payment codes on the OBRA assessments when not combined with a 5-day SNF PPS assessment.

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A Closer Look…

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MDS 3.0 Item Set Change History
for October 2020
Version 1.17.2

Version 1.17.2 Changes

Section GG Items

Item	Change Description	NC	NQ	ND	NT/ST	NPE	NP	OSA	IPA	SP	SD
Footer	Incremented version to 1.17.2 with an effective date of 10/01/2020	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
GG0130	Item header changed to: Functional Abilities and Goals - Start of SNF PPS Stay or State PDPM	x	x	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
GG0130	Instructional language changed to: GG0130. Self-Care (If A0310B = 01, the assessment period is days 1 through 3 of the SNF PPS Stay starting with A2400B. If state requires completion with an OBRA assessment, the assessment period is the ARD plus 2 previous days; complete only column 1.)	x	x	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
GG0170	Item header changed to: Functional Abilities and Goals - Start of SNF PPS Stay or State PDPM	x	x	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
GG0170	Instructional language changed to: GG0170. Mobility (If A0310B = 01, the assessment period is days 1 through 3 of the SNF PPS Stay starting with A2400B. If state requires completion with an OBRA assessment, the assessment period is the ARD plus 2 previous days; complete only column 1.)	x	x	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

Section I Items

Item	Change Description	NC	NQ	ND	NT/ST	NPE	NP	OSA	IPA	SP	SD
I0020	Instructional language changed to: I0020. Indicate the resident's primary medical condition category Complete only if A0310B = 01 or if state requires completion with an OBRA assessment	x	x	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

Section J Items

Item	Change Description	NC	NQ	ND	NT/ST	NPE	NP	OSA	IPA	SP	SD
J2100	Instructional language changed to: J2100. Recent Surgery Requiring Active SNF Care - Complete only if A0310B = 01 or if state requires completion with an OBRA assessment	x	x	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

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New Version – October 1, 2020

MDS 3.0 Nursing Home Comprehensive (NC) Version 1.17.2 Effective 10/01/2020

We're using v1.17.1 currently

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What's New/Changed – Section GG

Section GG	**Functional Abilities and Goals** - Start of SNF PPS Stay or State PDPM

GG0130. Self-Care (If A0310B = 01, the assessment period is days 1 through 3 of the SNF PPS Stay starting with A2400B. If state requires completion with an OBRA assessment, the assessment period is the ARD plus 2 previous days; complete only column 1.)

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Section GG	**Functional Abilities and Goals** - Start of SNF PPS Stay or State PDPM

GG0170. Mobility (If A0310B = 01, the assessment period is days 1 through 3 of the SNF PPS Stay starting with A2400B. If state requires completion with an OBRA assessment, the assessment period is the ARD plus 2 previous days; complete only column 1.)

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Also Section I Item…

Section I	Active Diagnoses

I0020. Indicate the resident's primary medical condition category
Complete only if A0310B = 01 or if state requires completion with an OBRA assessment

Enter Code	Indicate the resident's primary medical condition category that best describes the primary reason for admission
	01. Stroke 02. Non-Traumatic Brain Dysfunction 03. Traumatic Brain Dysfunction 04. Non-Traumatic Spinal Cord Dysfunction 05. Traumatic Spinal Cord Dysfunction 06. Progressive Neurological Conditions 07. Other Neurological Conditions 08. Amputation 09. Hip and Knee Replacement 10. Fractures and Other Multiple Trauma 11. Other Orthopedic Conditions 12. Debility, Cardiorespiratory Conditions 13. Medically Complex Conditions **I0020B. ICD Code**

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Also Section J Item…

J2100. Recent Surgery Requiring Active SNF Care - Complete only if A0310B = 01 or if state requires completion with an OBRA assessment	
Enter Code	Did the resident have a major surgical procedure during the prior inpatient hospital stay that requires active care during the SNF stay? 0. **No** 1. **Yes** 8. **Unknown**

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New Data Specs for Submission - Errata

Issues Added: 04/30/2020

Issue ID	Problem	Resolution	Status
06	States will be able to choose whether PDPM values are calculated for OBRA assessments beginning October 1, 2020. A new item is needed to indicate whether the state has chosen to do so for the assessment.	The new item, STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD, will be added as of October 1, 2020. This item will have two possible values: 0 (No, do not perform PDPM calculations for OBRAs) and 1 (Yes, perform PDPM calculations for OBRAs). This item is mandatory for all assessments with target date on or after October 1, 2020, and it is part of the Control section in the data specifications. The value will be placed at position 1827 of the fixed-length string. The item will be mapped to existing edit -3676.	This change will be made in the next version of the MDS 3.0 Data Submission Specs. It will be implemented in production on October 1, 2020.
07	The ASAP system will use the DMS, not the submitted value in STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD, to determine whether PDPM values should be calculated for the state where the assessment was performed. The state will be able to specify begin and end dates for OBRA PDPM calculations. If the value submitted in STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD does not match the DMS value specified by the state for the date range where the target date of the assessment falls, then the user will be notified of the mismatch, and the PDPM value will be recalculated by the ASAP system using the DMS value.	A new WARNING edit, -3966, will be issued by ASAP if A0310A=[01,02,03,04,05,06] and A0310B=[99] and the DMS value specified by the state for the date range where the target date of the assessment falls does not match the submitted value for STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD. This edit will only apply for assessments with target date on or after October 1, 2020.	This change will be made in the next version of the MDS 3.0 Data Submission Specs. It will be implemented in production on October 1, 2020.

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08	Edit -3921b currently reads as follows: b) If A0310B=[99], then the following items must be equal to [^]: GG0130A1, GG0130A2, GG0130B1, GG0130B2, GG0130C1, GG0130C2, GG0130E1, GG0130E2, GG0130F1, GG0130F2, GG0130G1, GG0130G2, GG0130H1, GG0130H2. This edit must be modified to allow entry of GG0130 Admission Performance items on OBRA assessments when states have chosen to have PDPM values calculated for OBRAs.	Edit -3921b will be modified to read as follows: b) If A0310B=[99], then --b1) If STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD is active and STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD=[0], then the following items, if active, must be equal to [^]: GG0130A1, GG0130A2, GG0130B1, GG0130B2, GG0130C1, GG0130C2, GG0130E1, GG0130E2, GG0130F1, GG0130F2, GG0130G1, GG0130G2, GG0130H1, GG0130H2. --b2) If STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD is active and STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD=[1], then the following items, if active, must not be equal to [^]: GG0130A1, GG0130B1, GG0130C1, GG0130E1, GG0130F1, GG0130G1, GG0130H1. --b3) If STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD is active and STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD=[1], then the following items, if active, must be equal to [^]: GG0130A2, GG0130B2, GG0130C2, GG0130E2, GG0130F2, GG0130G2, GG0130H2. --b4) If STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD is not active, then the following items, if active, must be equal to [^]: GG0130A1, GG0130A2, GG0130B1, GG0130B2, GG0130C1, GG0130C2, GG0130E1, GG0130E2, GG0130F1, GG0130F2, GG0130G1, GG0130G2, GG0130H1, GG0130H2. NOTE: ASAP will use the DMS value (as described in the Resolution to issue 07 above) instead of STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD in order to determine whether to enforce the b1, b2 and b3 edits.	This change will be made in the next version of the MDS 3.0 Data Submission Specs. It will be implemented in production on October 1, 2020.

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09	Edit -3927b currently reads as follows: b) If A0310B=[99], then the following items, when active, must be equal to [^]: GG0170A1, GG0170A2, GG0170B1, GG0170B2, GG0170C1, GG0170C2, GG0170D1, GG0170D2, GG0170E1, GG0170E2, GG0170F1, GG0170F2, GG0170G1, GG0170G2, GG0170I1, GG0170I2, GG0170J2, GG0170K2, GG0170L2, GG0170M1, GG0170M2, GG0170N2, GG0170O2, GG0170P1, GG0170P2, GG0170Q1. This edit must be modified to allow entry of GG0170 Admission Performance items on OBRA assessments when states have chosen to have PDPM values calculated for OBRAs.	Edit -3927b will be modified to read as follows: b) If A0310B=[99], then --b1) If STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD is active and STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD=[0], then the following items, if active, must be equal to [^]: GG0170A1, GG0170A2, GG0170B1, GG0170B2, GG0170C1, GG0170C2, GG0170D1, GG0170D2, GG0170E1, GG0170E2, GG0170F1, GG0170F2, GG0170G1, GG0170G2, GG0170I1, GG0170I2, GG0170J2, GG0170K2, GG0170L2, GG0170M1, GG0170M2, GG0170N2, GG0170O2, GG0170P1, GG0170P2, GG0170Q1. --b2) If STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD is active and STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD=[1], then the following items, if active, must not be equal to [^]: GG0170A1, GG0170B1, GG0170C1, GG0170D1, GG0170E1, GG0170F1, GG0170G1, GG0170I1, GG0170M1, GG0170P1, GG0170Q1. --b3) If STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD is active and STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD=[1], then the following items, if active, must be equal to [^]: GG0170A2, GG0170B2, GG0170C2, GG0170D2, GG0170E2, GG0170F2, GG0170G2, GG0170I2, GG0170J2, GG0170K2, GG0170L2, GG0170M2, GG0170N2, GG0170O2, GG0170P2. --b4) If STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD is not active, then the following items, if active, must be equal to [^]: GG0170A1, GG0170A2, GG0170B1, GG0170B2, GG0170C1, GG0170C2, GG0170D1, GG0170D2, GG0170E1, GG0170E2, GG0170F1, GG0170F2, GG0170G1, GG0170G2, GG0170I1, GG0170I2, GG0170J2, GG0170K2, GG0170L2, GG0170M1, GG0170M2, GG0170N2, GG0170O2, GG0170P1, GG0170P2, GG0170Q1. NOTE: ASAP will use the DMS value (as described in the Resolution to issue 07 above) instead of STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD in order to determine whether to enforce the b1, b2 and b3 edits.	This change will be made in the next version of the MDS 3.0 Data Submission Specs. It will be implemented in production on October 1, 2020.

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10	Edit -3942b reads as follows: b) If A0310B=[99], then if J2100 is active, it must be equal to [^]. This edit must be modified to allow entry of J2100 on OBRA assessments when states have chosen to have PDPM values calculated for OBRAs.	Edit -3942b will be modified to read as follows: b) If A0310B=[99], then --b1) If STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD is active and STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD=[0], then if J2100 is active, it must be equal to [^]. --b2) If STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD is active and STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD=[1], then if J2100 is active, it must not be equal to [^]. --b3) If STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD is not active, then if J2100 is active, it must be equal to [^]. NOTE: ASAP will use the DMS value (as described in the Resolution to issue 07 above) instead of STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD in order to determine whether to enforce the b1 and b2 edits.	This change will be made in the next version of the MDS 3.0 Data Submission Specs. It will be implemented in production on October 1, 2020.
11	Edit -3897 reads as follows: Payment Reduction Warning: A dash (-) submitted in this quality measure assessment item may result in a payment reduction for your facility of two percentage points for the affected payment determination. This edit does not apply for OBRA assessments where states have chosen to have PDPM values.	Edit -3897 will be modified to read as follows: If A0310B=[01,08], then the following warning message will apply if a dash is submitted for this item: Payment Reduction Warning: A dash (-) submitted in this quality measure assessment item may result in a payment reduction for your facility of two percentage points for the affected payment determination.	This change will be made in the next version of the MDS 3.0 Data Submission Specs. It will be implemented in production on October 1, 2020.

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Lastly…

Issue ID	Problem	Resolution	Status
12	PDPM calculations for OBRA assessments will utilize two lookup tables for I0020B: the existing lookup table and a secondary lookup table, which will direct the PDPM to utilize the Medical Management category if the code is found. A new WARNING edit will be issued if the submitted value for I0020B is not present in either lookup table.	A new WARNING edit, -3967, will be created and read as follows: If A0310B=[99] and STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD is active and STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD=[1] and I0020B cannot be found in either data spec dictionary table pdpm_icd_codes_FYxxxx or pdpm_icd_codes_2_FYxxxx (where FYxxxx is the fiscal year matching the target date of the assessment), then the PDPM cannot be determined for this assessment. NOTE: ASAP will use the DMS value for the state where the assessment was performed instead of STATE_PDPM_OBRA_CD to determine whether this warning is applicable. This edit will only apply for assessments with target date on or after October 1, 2020.	This change will be made in the next version of the MDS 3.0 Data Submission Specs. It will be implemented in production on October 1, 2020.
13	Edit -3945 currently reads as follows: This ICD code must be one of the codes in the table pdpm_icd_codes of the data spec dictionary, in order to ensure that the PDPM grouper is able to generate a valid HIPPS code. This edit should not apply for OBRA assessments where PDPM values will be calculated.	Edit -3945 will be modified to read as follows: If A0310B=[01,08], then this ICD code must be one of the codes in the data spec dictionary table pdpm_icd_codes_FYxxxx (where FYxxxx is the fiscal year matching the target date of the assessment), in order to ensure that the PDPM grouper is able to generate a valid HIPPS code.	This change will be made in the next version of the MDS 3.0 Data Submission Specs. It will be implemented in production on October 1, 2020.
14	Edit -9020 currently reads as follows: The maximum length of Z0100A is 7 characters even though the HIPPS code is currently 5 characters in length. The extra 2 characters are included to allow for future expansion. HIPPS codes generated by the PDPM for OBRAs will be 4 characters in length, so the text of this edit must change.	Edit -9020 will be revised to read as follows: The maximum length of Z0100A is 7 characters even though the HIPPS code is currently 5 characters in length for 5-day and Interim Payment assessments, and 4 characters in length for OBRAs. The extra characters are included to allow for future expansion.	This change will be made in the next version of the MDS 3.0 Data Submission Specs. It will be implemented in production on October 1, 2020.

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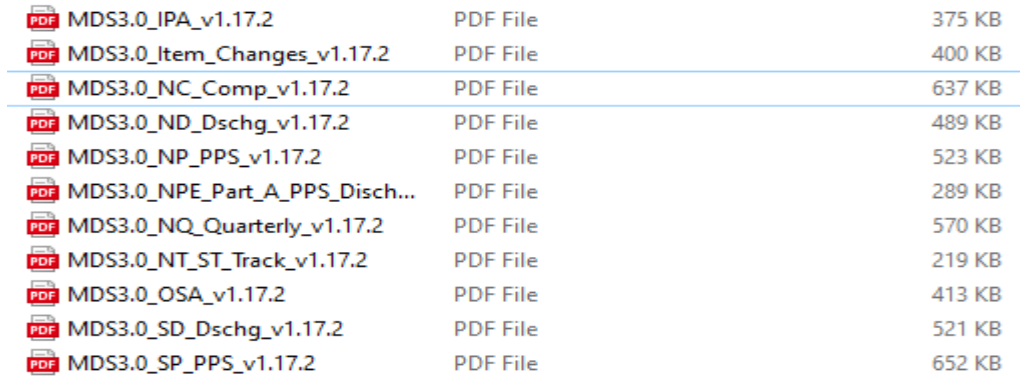
Resources

- MDS 3.0 Final Item Sets v1.17.2 for October 1 2020 (ZIP)



MDS3.0_IPA_v1.17.2	PDF File	375 KB
MDS3.0_Item_Changes_v1.17.2	PDF File	400 KB
MDS3.0_NC_Comp_v1.17.2	PDF File	637 KB
MDS3.0_ND_Dschg_v1.17.2	PDF File	489 KB
MDS3.0_NP_PPS_v1.17.2	PDF File	523 KB
MDS3.0_NPE_Part_A_PPS_Disch...	PDF File	289 KB
MDS3.0_NQ_Quarterly_v1.17.2	PDF File	570 KB
MDS3.0_NT_ST_Track_v1.17.2	PDF File	219 KB
MDS3.0_OSA_v1.17.2	PDF File	413 KB
MDS3.0_SD_Dschg_v1.17.2	PDF File	521 KB
MDS3.0_SP_PPS_v1.17.2	PDF File	652 KB

- MDS 3.0 RAI Manual … watch for Manual v1.17.2 changes
- MDS 3.0 User's Manual (Briggs) or MDS 3.0 User's Manual - Digital (Briggs)

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Additional Resources

- Errata V3.00.4 for MDS 3.0-V3.00.1 (FINAL) Data Submission Specifications
- BriggsNetNews Blog
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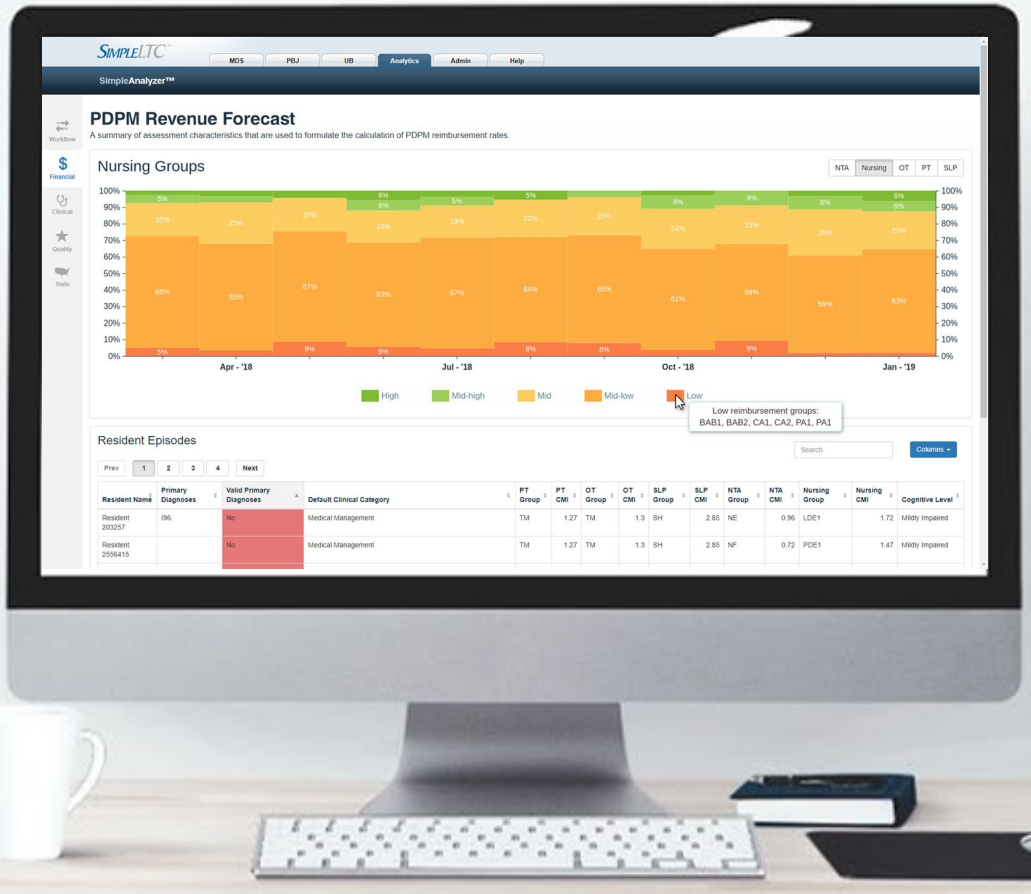

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