

Q0500B. The assessor should ask follow-up questions to understand why Resident B is afraid and explain that obtaining more information may help overcome some of their fears. They should also be informed that someone from an LCA is available to provide them with more information about receiving services and supports in the community. At the close of this discussion, Resident B says that they would like more information on community supports.

Coding: Q0500B would be **coded 1, Yes**.

Rationale: Coding Q0500B as yes should trigger a visit by the NH social worker to assess fears and concerns, as well as the designated LCA within a specified time frame established according to state policy.

2. Resident C is a 45-year-old individual with cerebral palsy and a learning disability who has been living in the facility for the past 20 years. They once lived in a group home but became ill and required hospitalization for pneumonia. After recovering in the hospital, Resident C was sent to the NH because they required regular chest physical therapy and were told that they could no longer live in their previous group home because their needs were more intensive. No one had asked them about returning to the community until now. When administered the MDS assessment, they responded yes to item Q0500B.

Coding: Q0500B would be **coded 1, Yes**.

Rationale: Resident C's discussions with staff in the NH should be noted in their care plan, and care planning should be initiated to assess their preferences and needs for possible transition to the community. NH staff should contact the designated LCA according to established state guidelines, for them to initiate discussions with Resident C about options for returning to community living.

3. Resident D is a 65-year-old individual with a severe heart condition and interstitial pulmonary fibrosis. At the last Quarterly assessment, Resident D had been asked about returning to the community and their response was no. They also responded no to item Q0500B. The assessor should ask why they responded no. Depending upon this response, follow-up questions could include, "Is it that you think you cannot get the care you need in the community? Do you have a home to return to? Do you have any family or friends to assist you in any way?" Resident D responds no to the follow-up questions and does not want to offer any more information or talk about it any further.

Coding: Q0500B would be **coded 0, No**.

Rationale: During this assessment, they were asked about returning to the community and they responded no.

