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TO: Nursing Facilities
Skilled Nursing Facilities
Intermediate Care Facilities
Swing Bed Hospitals

SUBJECT: Minimum Data Set (MDS) Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) 3.0 User's Manual v1.16, effective October 1, 2018

All Facilities Letter (AFL) Summary

This AFL notifies all Medicare and/or Medicaid certified nursing facilities about the revised RAI 3.0 user's manual including the new Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 item sets that took effect on October 1, 2018.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) publishes the RAI 3.0 User's Manual v1.16 as a public document which is available for duplication. The goal is to distribute information broadly to facilitate accurate and effective resident assessment practices in long-term care facilities.

The 3.0 manual v1.16 is available for print/download at the CMS website.

The 2018 MDS items sets (v1.16.1) are available on the CMS MDS 3.0 Technical Information webpage.

For questions, please contact Susan Belda at the MDS/OASIS State RAI Coordinator help desk by email at MDSOasis@cdph.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 324-2362.

Please distribute copies of this AFL to MDS Coordinators, Directors of Nursing, and Facility Administrators in your facility.

Sincerely,

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