

2.13 Expected Order of MDS Records

The MDS records for a nursing home resident are expected to occur in a specific order. For example, the first record for a resident is expected to be an Entry record with entry type (item A1700) indicating admission, and the next record is expected to be an Admission assessment, a 5-Day assessment, a Discharge assessment, or Death in Facility tracking record. iQIES will issue a warning when an unexpected record is submitted. Examples include an assessment record after a discharge (an entry is expected) or any record after a Death in Facility tracking record.

The target date, rather than the submission date, is used to determine the order of records. The target date is the Assessment Reference Date (item A2300) for assessment records, the Entry Date (item A1600) for entry records, and the Discharge Date (item A2000) for discharge or Death in facility records. In the following table, the prior record is represented in the columns and the next (subsequent) record is represented in the rows. A “no” has been placed in a cell when the next record is not expected to follow the prior record; iQIES will issue a record order warning for record combinations that contain a “no.” A “yes” indicates that the next record is expected to follow the prior record; a record order warning will **not** be issued for these combinations. Note that there are not any iQIES record order warnings produced for Swing Bed MDS records.

Prior Record										
Next Record	Entry	OBRA Admission	OBRA Annual	OBRA Quarterly	5-Day	IPA	OBRA Discharge	Part A PPS Discharge	Death in facility	No prior record
Entry	no	no	no	no	no	no	yes	no	no	yes
OBRA Admission	yes	no	no	no	yes	yes	no	yes	no	no
OBRA Annual	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	no
OBRA Quarterly, sign. change, sign correction	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	no
5-Day	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	yes	no	no
IPA	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	no
OBRA Discharge	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	no
Part A PPS Discharge	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	no
Death in facility	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	no

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Note “No” indicates that the record sequence is not expected; record order warnings will be issued for these combinations.

“Yes” indicates expected record sequences; no record order warning will be issued for these combinations.

