OASIS ITEM

(M1230)   Speech and Oral (Verbal) Expression of Language (in patient's own language):

☐   0   -   Expresses complex ideas, feelings, and needs clearly, completely, and easily in all situations with no observable impairment.

☐   1   -   Minimal difficulty in expressing ideas and needs (may take extra time; makes occasional errors in word choice, grammar or speech intelligibility; needs minimal prompting or assistance).

☐   2   -   Expresses simple ideas or needs with moderate difficulty (needs prompting or assistance, errors in word choice, organization or speech intelligibility). Speaks in phrases or short sentences.

☐   3   -   Has severe difficulty expressing basic ideas or needs and requires maximal assistance or guessing by listener. Speech limited to single words or short phrases.

☐   4   -   <u>Unable</u> to express basic needs even with maximal prompting or assistance but is not comatose or unresponsive (e.g., speech is nonsensical or unintelligible).

☐   5   -   Patient nonresponsive or unable to speak.

ITEM INTENT

Identifies the patient's physical and cognitive ability to communicate with words in the patient's primary language. The item does not address communicating in sign language, in writing, or by any nonverbal means.

TIME POINTS ITEM(S) COMPLETED

Start of care

Resumption of care

Discharge from agency – not to an inpatient facility

RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

• Augmented speech (e.g., a trained esophageal speaker, use of an electrolarynx) **is** considered verbal expression of language.

• Presence of a tracheostomy requires further evaluation of the patient's ability to speak. Can the trach be covered to allow speech? If so, to what extent can the patient express him/herself?

• Select Response 5 for a patient who communicates entirely nonverbally (e.g., by sign language or writing) or is unable to speak.

• "Nonresponsive" means that the patient is not <u>able</u> to respond.

DATA SOURCES / RESOURCES

• Patient/caregiver interview

• Observation

• Physical assessment

• Referral information (e.g., history and physical)

• Interpreter